## West Bank peace is shown to Mr Vance

A day of talks between Israeli ministers and Mr Cyrus Vance ended last night in a profusion of compliments. The American Secretary of State the back. was apparently shown a formulation of the Israeli willingness to make concessions on the West Bank, but it will not be disclosed before the Cairo conference.

## Israeli leader lavishes praise on US role

From Edward Mortimer Jerusalem, Dec 11

Israel and the United States showered each other with compliments at a joint press conference given here tonight by Mr. Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Mr. Cyrus Vance, the United States Secretary of State, after a day of talks between Mr. Vance and senior Israeli ministers.

Mr. Begin renestedly thanked

Israeli ministers.

Mr Begin repeatedly thanked the United States for its help in bringing about "these momentous developments in the Middle East", and revealed that on the occasion of President Sadat's visit to Jerusalem, he had sent to President Carter a message saying: "This is an historic moment. You have created it..." He even asserted that he would like the American Secretary of State to visit the area more often. visit the area more often. Mr Vance, who arrived from Cairo last night, was equally anxious to emphasize the "appreciation, gratitude and admiration" of President admiration" of President Carter for the breakthrough in

Egyptian-Israeli relations and to refute any suggestion that the United States was in any way put out by the fact that President Sadat had taken the initiative into his own hands. The United States was anxious to be supportive, he kept

Mr Vance goes on to Amman tomorrow, then Damascus, Beirut and Rivadh, while his Assistant Secretary, Mr Alfred Atherton, will attend the Cairo conference opening on Wedness conference opening on Wednes-

Both Mr Begin and Mr Vance emphasized their interest in a comprehensive semiement of opposed to a bilateral settle-ment between Israel and Egypt. But behind Mr Begin's almost euphoric self-confidence one could sense a feeling of liberation that Israel no longer needs the United States as an inter-mediary in dealing with the largest Arab state.

largest Arab state.
Indeed, some Israelis in the
past few days, less diplometic
than their Prime Minister, have
tot hidden their glee at seeing the Americans on the touchline, panting to keep up with the

Rame.

[ Mr Begin is resolutely refus-ing to be jostled into speaking publicly about concessions in advance of the Cairo negotia-

tions. He appealed today to the press and television to "give a to the negotiating

he said, "except, of course, the destruction of Israel. Negoriations will take place in Cairo, Geneva, or Jerusalem, but—with all due respect—not in front of the cameras of our mighty friends of the television."

Echoing an answer given by President Sadar in Cairo yesterday, Mr Begin said the purpose of the Cairo conference would be to discuss the basic principles of the treaties to be concluded eventually between cluded eventually betwee Israel and all its neighbours. It appears that this does not mean that they will be confined to Israel's preferred topic of "the nature of peace". They will also deal with borders, security arrangements, and, crucially, the Palestinian prob-

On this Mr Begin repeated what has become a set formula for him, expressing willingness to discuss "the problem of the Palestinian Arabs", and confidence that "we will find a solution". He refused, as usual, to be drawn on the question whether he stood by his election pledge not to withdraw from any part of the West

But it is understood that he and his colleagues have worked our a formulation of their willingness to make concessions on this issue, which the Israeli Cabinet will be asked to approve tomorrow. The delegates to the Cairo conference will be authorized to the cairo conference will be authorized to the cairo conference will be authorized to use it with a view to helping President Sadat to persuade

negotiations. This formulation was evidently shown to Mr Vance, but it seems unlikely that he can have been authorized to pass it on to the other Arab govern-ments he will be visiting in the next two days because this would mean that they would get it in advance of the Egyptians.

Mr Vance will hardly be equipped therefore with con-crete arguments to persuade those governments to join the negotiations. Only the results of the Cairo conference itself, or at least of its first stage, can hope to do that.

Photograph and Sadat interview,

Many Labour MPs, especially

those on the left wing of the parry, are following the gui-dance given by Mr Ronald Hayward, the general secretary

of the party, two years ago and recently reaffirmed by him, that PR for the European elections would be the thin end of

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## of reporter a mystery By Our Diplomatic Correspondent Mr David Holden, the chief

foreign correspondent of The Sunday Times, has been killed while on assignment in Egypt. His body was found in Nasr City, a suburb near Cairo airport, early on Wednesday, but. was not identified until Saturday night. He had been shot in

Although colleagues said yes terday they had no reason for supposing any political motiva-tion for his murder, regarding Mr Holden as a journalist of scrupulous balance and fairness, the circumstances of his death are extremely musual.

Crimes of violence against Europeans, as distinct from cases of robbery, are rare in Egypt, and very few Egyptians carry guns. Mr Holden had arrived by air from Jordan and never checked into his hotel. A correspondent of his experience would hardly have taken a taxi with an unregistered. a taxi with an unregistered driver from the airport, or fallen into some kind of tourist

rap.

The Sunday Times has sent two reporters to Cairo to try to find out what happened, and to arrange for his body to and to arrange for his body to be brought home. His wife, Mrs Ruth Holden, who is also a journalist, was informed of his death on Saturday night, but there had been concern for his safety since Wednes-day, when he failed to signal his arrival in Cairo.

No identification papers, luggage or money were found with the body, which was why it took more than three days before it was identified. According to the official Middle East news agency, Mr

Middle East news agency, Mr Holden signed a corrency declaration form on arrival at Caîro airport saying he was carrying \$200 (£110) in travellers cheoues, which he converted into Egyptian pounds. General Nabawi Ismail, Minister of the Interior, has assigned a special murder squad to the case and ordered them to report to him personally, the agency said. In many years reporting on foreign affairs, Mr Holden, who was 53, acquired an unrivalled knowledge of Middle East life and politics. Paying

unrivalled knowledge of Middle. East life and politics. Paying tribute to his exceptional qualities as a foreign correspondent, Mr Frank Giles, deputy editor of The Sunday Times and former foreign editor, said yesterday that his outstanding virtue was his sense of fair play and cool judgment. But it is understood that he

He was the kind of writer who always went into all sides of a story, and his reports had the particular distinction of being both straightforward and highly readable.

Mr Harold Evans, editor Mr Harold Evans, editor of The Sunday Times, said yesterday: "It was easy to like David Holden and even easier to admire him. He brought a rational mind to the complex and emotional problems of the Middle East.

"He covered many troubled and disputed areas of the world."

"He covered many troubled and disputed areas of the world like Chile, South Africa, India and Greece, with the same lucidity, candour and regard for the lives of the ordinary people affected. He never fol-lowed a fashionable or predict-able line."

Edward Mortimer writes from Jerusalem: I was with David Holden for a good part of what turned out to be the last week of his life. We met by chance 20 Damascus on November 29, travelled together by taxi to Amman on December 1, and on from there to Jerusalem across the Allenby bridge on December

We spent that Sunday and Monday interviewing a number of Arab mayors and other notables in the occupied West

Bank.
On Tuesday we walked together round the Old City of
Jerusalem before David left by Jerusalem before David left by taxi to return to Amman, from where he was to fly to Cairo.

As a companion in the Middle East he was both instructive and entertaining having a marvellous repertoire of anecdotes about events in which he had been involved in all parts of the area during the past quarter century.

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## Begin plan for Motive for killing Growing protests about Moon cult activities By Diama Patt encouraged to transfer their people cannot or will not accept stantially different from

the Home Office and Charity claims: Commissioners increase, it conto recruit more

The Unification Church, com-monly known as the Moon cult. teaches that its leader, a South Myung Moon, is the Messiah and that he and his second wife are the "true parents".

Children, mainly students be-

tween the ages of 18 and 23, are materialistic

A sect that, among other loyalities from their natural the reality of spiritual experitables, teaches children to hate their natural parents and family has established at least taught that we should hate our father and mother and family way. St Paul would probably he and love him first ", it products to the proper cannot to proper cannot to proper cannot to reality of spiritual experitables of spiritual experitables and the changes that are likely to occur when God enters taught that we should hate our a person's life in a powerful way. St Paul would probably be described as brainwashed if he had his Damascus experience

Many parents feel that their children have been "brainwashed ". They say they can no longer relate to relatives or friends. Mr Michael Marshall, public

affairs director for the Unifica-tion Church, says: "Brainwash-ing is a highly emotive word. a slur which we utterly reject Church practised mind control and which reflects that in a or indeed any methods of promaterialistic society many selytizing that were sub-

today.

Brainwashing charges have twice been tested in American court cases and both times re-jected. Judge Belson in Sep-tember, 1975, in the District of Columbia Superior Court ruled that there was no evidence to suggest that the Unification

"In the past three years several thousand people have attended our courses for a weekend or longer and no more than 10 per cent have joined the church in any capacity. Where is the coercion there? Indeed, I have seen several full-time church members advised to live outside, either because they appeared unsuited to full church life, or to think out their commitment more

deeply for themselves."

Mrs Grace Adamson, of Plymouth, whose son, Tony, joined the movement when he Continued on page 4, col 3

### Debate today on Polish ships order

By Peter Hill

Britain's £115m deal to build ships for Poland is to be discussed in the Commons today in a debate initiated by the Opposition. Mrs Thatcher and her col-

leagues have tried without success to elicit details of the agreement from ministers. Opposition concern arises from Opposition concern arises from the amount of taxpavers' money, about f28m, alleged to be involved in gaining the 24-vessel contract for Britain.

Ministers will resty that the contract has secured the lobs of 8,000 shimmand workers at a time when the industribroughout the world is faced with over-capacity.

The Prime Minister, Mr Varley, Secretary of State for

Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, and other ministers have refused to answer questions on the estimated cost of the deal to the taxpayer, the extent of penalty clauses for late delivery and other financial arrangements.

The chips will be built in

The ships will be built in Britain and owned by a joint company formed by Britain and Poland, which will charter them for 15 years to a Polish state chimping concerns.

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### 'Jump on a skateboard' safety test for fathers

By a Staff Reporter

The would-be buyer of a skateboard should test the safety of the equipment by anchoring the wheels and asking a state of the safety. ing a grown man to jump four times firmly on the centre of the deck. The retailer may not like it, but such a procedure should expose the dangerous

That advice comes from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents after a report it commissioned on skateboard design from the Fulmer Research Institute. The society has asked the British Standards Institution to secretary dead.

has asked the British Standard's Institution to set a standard for skateboards quickly.

The report said that, though skateboard accidents, caused by component failure are less frequent than those caused by loss of balance and collision, they are mere dangerous because of their unpredictability. Elastomeric polyurethane wireels were the best for skateboards, the report added, but mass production of uniformly high quality wheels was a skilled business. The best urethanes would resist the picking up of oil and moisture and would retain high frictional properties. perties.

The grip would not be main-tained, however, it a layer of moisture separated the wheels from the surface. Skateboarding in the rain was like ice skating rather than surfing and was

very dangerous.

The report said that wheels should have their bearings sealed. A stone could lodge in unsealed bearings, causing the equivalent of an emergency stop on a bicycle while travel-ling ar full speed. Wheels made from steel or natural or synthetic rubber were not

synthetic rubber were not recommended.

Of the materials used for skateboard decks, the report said that solid wood free from flaws or well-designed moulded polypropylene almost indestructible

### Third baby dies at hospital

last night became the third baby that has affected the Mill Road Maternity Hospital in Cam-bridge. The two other babies to die were boys born pre-

the general election. Report, page 5.

maturely.

The girl was one of nine babies in the special care unit who became infected after the boys' deaths. Of the mine, only five have shown symptoms.

A doctor, a nurse and a patient also have the virus according to Mr John Edwards of the East Anglian Regional Health Anthority. They were progressing satisfactorily last night.

night.

Admissions to the hospital have been stopped for at least seven days and doctors are hoping to contain the virus within the premature baby

mit.

The virus is thought to have been brought into the hospital by a parient. Arrangements have been made for all new admissions to go to other hospitals.

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent
The future of the new Concorde service between London and Singapore was placed in doubt last night after the Indonesians had threatened to close their air space to flights
A Concorde made its first scheduled passenger flight to Singapore by way of Bahrain on Friday and returned to Britain on Saturday. It left again for Singapore yesterday.
Up to almost the last minute before the maugural flight the service, operated jointly by British Airways and Singapore Airlines, was threatened by the re-

lines, was threatened by the re-fusal of Malaysia to allow the

## Tories offer wider role to the trade unions

Labour Editor

A future Conservative gorernment wil offer the trade
unions wide consultations
going beyond employment and
industrial affairs while "setting
them free " from the Administration of the day, Mr Prior
opposition spokesman on employment, said yesterday. "No
topic should be barred from
discussion."

A victory salute from Mr Fraser, the Australian Prime Minister, and

his wife after his crushing defeat of the Labour Opposition in

Putting forward a document on policy to the Conservative trade unionists' policies! mittee in London, he dismissed the notion that a cabinet led by Mrs Thatcher would inevic-ably be embroiled in confrontation with the unions.

The socialists would say the

The socialists would say the Conservatives were the last people to talk about the role of the unions. "Because Labour have nothing to offer they will repeat, parrot-like, all the old cliches about Tories being unable to work with the unions, about confrontation and so on "What claptrap it all is! The past few weeks have surely shown that any government can

shown that any government can disagree with the unions. Mr Callaghan might call it 'friction' now and say that it was 'confrontation' when we were in office, but I do not know

Indonesians who gave permission for the Concorde to avoid

Malaysia by flying over their country. But yesterday, it be-came clear that the Indonesian

came clear that the Indonesian permission covered only the first three recurn services.

Concorde will make its third trip to Singapore on Wednesday and is due to go again on Friday—but this flight could be halted unless Britain can reach

an accommodation with either Malaysia or Indonesia mean-

while.

The Malaysians are understand to have refused permission in the first place out of ment. But if pique that Singapore, under a not forthcor lease agreement with British Indonesians Airways, was operating the

Concorde's new Singapore service faces

Indonesian threat of air space closure

of many other people who can spot the difference."

Mr Prior agreed that any government could have trouble with particular unions, but he said there was good reason to believe that a future Tory government and the unions would be able to work together on some of the nation's main

on some of the nation's main difficulties. "Conservative ministers will consult and discuss with the TUC and union leaders in the same way as they do with other important groups", he said.

This is the first political hint the Torons and the same way as they do with other important groups, he said.

from the Tory party leadership to the unions that the party would be willing when in government to consult with the unions on issues in the social and economic sphere as well as on pay.

Mr Heath's effort to win the TUC's agreement on pay failed in 1971 and again the next year. leading eventually to the catas-trophic miners' strike that brought down his government. The Tory approach, Mr Prior said, was not to tell any group in society what its members must or must not do. "This is why it is for the unions to ask what role they

"How, for instance, do they see their role in helping to lift see their role in helping to lift Britain from the bottom of the Western world's league table for industrial wages? And what do they plan to do about the growing public concern at certain union activities, such as the 'blacking' of non-union work, the various abuses under closed shop arresments. closed shop agreements, and the issue of mass picketing?"

tions, "We want to see effec-tive and independent trade unions, and we want to see Conservatives joining up and playing an active part", he said. Only in that way will Conservative veiws be heard in the upper echelons of the trade

Mr Prior has had talks with senior members of the TUC General Council for more than two years, and he laid the ground for the meeting between Mrs Thatcher and the TUC members of the National Tuc members of the Economic Development Coun-

His latest contribution to the the unions suggests that the Conservatives would like to

have an institutional relation-ship with organized labour on the lines of the TUC-Lubour Party liaison committee but shorn if its socialist dimension. "Only Conservative policies

free from the Government and let them perform their proper roles in society", he said. "We are not a state party, a cadre On trade union democracy, to the interests of one group or the Tories would provide financial assistance for postal ballots for trade union elections, "We want to see effect about pay bargaining than union than investors and less about pay bargaining than union applicance."

negoriators or employers."

Mr Prior's speech, regarded in senior party circles as con-firmation of the moderate path that the Conservatives have been treading, concluded with a promise that a Conservative government would reward

about our economic objec-tives", he said, "and we shall be ready to help unions and management improve the present unsatisfactory methods of collective bargaining."

## Mr Steel expects Labour majority for Europe PR

By George Clark
Political Correspondent
Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said yesterday that it would be madness for his party to break the pact with Labour and force a general election on the issue of proportional representation (PR) to the European Partionent.
He knows that if a majority of Labour MPs do not vote for the requisite number of Labour MPs will vote for the PR system. But among backbenchers who oppose the direct elections Bill there is a strong belief that, even with the support of the so-called "payroll vote", consisting of ministers and parliamentary private secretaries, that target will not be reached.

Many Labour MPs especially He knows that if a majority of Labour MPs do not vote for the regional list PR system in the Commons tomorrow, he may have to face a special conference of the Liberal Party at which a strong dentand will be made to end the pact.

When interviewed yesterday n the independent television programme, Weekend World, Mr Steel seemed fairly confi-

Firemen split

Doly one member of the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) favoured the

evernment's new peace proposals it mass meetings in London at the

reckend, a union executive member aid. He added that he expected to

ee an overwhelming rejection hroughout Britain. The first com-ort to ministers so far in the dis-

ute was given by Leicestershire numbers, who voted by 340 to 11

Accountants' clean

The finance director and joint uditors of Lourho, the pan-African rading group, have been cleared of my evidence of professional apropriety after a chartered countants study of a critical report y the Department of Trade. The light also found are evidence of lack

udy also found no evidence of lack f effectiveness over the question of a expenses claim Page 19

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peace plan

'More advantages'

in large schools Small schools are likely to suffer from more disadvantages than large ones, the Schools Inspectorate says. It points to more effective teaching, a wider subject range and better sixth-form provision in larger schools. They are also considered to be more able to cater for minorities Page 3

#### Back from exile

Mr George Nyandoro, externel affairs secretary of the Rhodesian United Airican National Council, has returned to Rhodesia from exile to take part in the present talks simed at achieving an internal settlement. He had been living in Zambia since

#### Help for dollar likely Western central bankers meeting in

Basic roday are expected to have high on their agenda the dollar's sharp decline and the effect this is having on the world's economy. Sources suggest the bankers will seek policies to stabilize the American



pace shot: Lieuxenent-Colonel Yuri Romanenko, left, and Mr Georgy Grechko on board the Soviet space station Solyut 6. The cosmonauts were launched on Saturday in Soyuz 26, which docked with the space station vesterday Page 5

## Attack on Front

In a campaign to expose the racialist activities of the National Front, the Labour Party and the TUC are arranging for the distribution of a four-page leader portraying the Front as a neo-Nazi organization Page 2 Home News 2-4 Chess
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#### Argentine 'war on terrorists? President Videla of Argentina told

British journalists that the country's war against terrorists was nearing its end as the terrorists' strength had been reduced to 15 per cent of their previous numbers. Page 4 Chequers summit

## Mr Callaghan and President Giscard d'Essaing are expected to find them-selves in agreement on most issues, confirming the growing cordiality of Anglo-French relations, in their sum-

mir meeting at Chequers Page 4 Chess: Korchnoi wins another game to take a 5-2 lead in his world chempionship semi-final match against Spassky 5

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For those with a taste for the original.

## London firemen reject peace package but Leicestershire vote in favour brings ministers first comfort in pay dispute

Labour Editor

The first crack in the united front of the striking firemen came in Leicestershire yesterday, but the Home Secretary's new peace formula seems destined for overwhelming rejec-

Leaders of the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) are meeting in London on Wednesday to plan their next move in the official strike, which moves into its fifth week today, against a background of generally hardening attitudes on the picket

Mr Rees, Home Secretary, said yesterday: "Firemen must realize that the Governcannot and will not on the 10 per cent pay uidelines. Firemen must that their attempt to break the pay policy is against their own interest as well as that of everybody else."

The Leicestershire men

brought the first comfort to ministers when they voted by 340 to 11 to accept the offer of suaranneed pay improvements next winter. It was, however, a decision taken with "severe reservations". But in areas like London the package has

FBU, also pledged that the men would not go back until instructed to do so by a full delegate conference of the union. There is no present pro-spect of a recalled meeting. Mr Porter added: "There is too much in the document which is written in lawyers" e. We want to see it in firemen's terms so that ordinary firemen can read it and

A lot of the lads feel there is some good in this document, but we want to be sure about it. Hopefully, the executive can work on it in the next few days and really get it sorted

Mr John Lewis, London area Mr John Lews, London area executive member of the FBU, said hast night that only one man had favoured the proposals during a weekend of mass meetings in the capital. "We are genting an overwhelming rejection of the package, and I vice. An offer has been made to firemen which gives them what they have long talked of, a place at the top of the wages

The three-stage offer made to the men, giving them £100 a week by November, 1979, was



Burnt-out buses at Nottingham Corporation's depot. Two Trent Bus Company vehicles were destroyed in a depot nearby.

guaranteed and underwritten 16 buses. The damage was estithe Government in a way was unique to the fire-A 42-bour week to operate from next November and been agreed in principle. "A victory in the fight ogainst inflation means that the pay increases of next year men, by the latest guaranteed offer, will have everything to

offer, will have ever Further regional meetings of the FBU will take place before the union's national executive reconvenes on Wednesday. Meanwhile, support is being canvassed from other unions and the fire brigade leaders are asking members of the TUC General Council at the would expect to see that repeated throughout Britain."

The Home Secretary in his latest appeal for a return to work said in Leeds: "This is a work said in Leeds: "This is a consider whether the fire server against the 10 per consider week for the fire server. cent wage restraint guidelines.
In bus fires: The police in
Nottingham were yesterday
seeking two men who were
seen running from the scene of fires at two neighbouring bus depots on Saturday. Three

mated at £1m. One theory was that the culprits may have a grudge against busmen because of their threat to cancel weekend services at 9 pm in protest over

attacks.
The fires, at Nottingham
Corporation's bus depot in Parliament Street and the Trent Bus company's depot near by, broke our within minutes of each other. As troops and two full-time firecrews from West Bridgford who have refused to join the strike fought the fires, buses, some still alight, were driven from the depots. Some buses could not be moved because cables from the batteries to the starters had been

poration's chief transport engineer, said: "Tyres and diesel tanks were exploding and finally some buses had to be abandoned in order not to risk people's lives any fur-

ther."
Chief Superintendent Peter

dressed, were in their early twenties.
Mrs Edith Moffat, a widow, aged 79, died yesterday after being rescued from a fire in her home at Queensferry,

her home at queenket is Clwyd. An electric blanket is caused the thought to have caused the A bedridden man, aged 92,

died in an upstairs room dur-ing a fire at a house at The Grove, Coulsdon, Surrey, last The police were yesterday investigating the cause of a fire that led to the evacuation of 50 elderly parients from a three-storey geriatric block at Tameside General Hospital,

A senior fire officer said: "There is reason to think that the fire was not an accident. A patient may have caused it. But arson may not be the right word to use, because some of these old people are very con-

Ashton-under-Lyne,

Three fire-fighting soldiers Smith, who is leading the were saved from injury by an police investigation, said that Army bomb disposal expert in the two men, both roughly Belfast on Sauaday night

when he warned them not to lift a manhple cover over a

The incident took place at Cromweil Road, near Queen's University after a bomb exploded outside the offices of a building contractor.

The soldiers were about to lift the membole cover when the bomb disposal officer shouted to them to stand clear. A robot bomb defuser which was used to raise the cover triggered a bomb underneath. triggered a bomb undernear

The attack was one of several over the weekend that destroyed the workshops of J. E. Coulter, the main Ford distributors in the city, and a confectioners shop, and admaged the Belfast Cooperative Society's new store in York Street, where seven bombs were planted. The sprinkler system saved the building, but some stock was damaged by water. by water.

Four soldiers were stightly injured when a small bomb was thrown over a wall at the rear of Springfield Road police station, Belfast. One man

## Pay dilemma Labour-TUC attack on National Front corporation

for freight

chairman

Transport Correspondent

Mr Rodgers, Secretary of

Sate for Transport, denied yes-terday that he had threatened to dismiss Sir Daniel Petrit,

chairman of the state-owned National Freight Corporation, if he breaches the phase three

But he made it clear that he

would take a serious view if

Sir Daniel gave the corpora-tion's lorry drivers the 15 per

cent won by private sector drivers in the Midlands last

Mr Rodgers and other members of the Cabinet clearly

Sir Harold's

**BBC** denial

is withdrawn

Sir Harold Wilson has with

drawn a statement he made last week denying that when he was Prime Minister he put

pressure on the BBC to cancel

The Greek freighter Elmela

4,759 tons, which ran aground on the Goodwin Sands on Satur-

day night, was refloated shortly before high tide yesterday

By Michael Baily

As part of a sustained campaign to expose the National Front's racialist activities, the Labour Party and the TUC are arranging the mass distribution of a four-page leaflet portraying the Pront as a neo-nazi organization.

For distribution in shops, offices and factories in the new year, the leaflet comes after the Labour Party's controversial party political television broad-

party political television broadcast last week.

Mr Joseph Ashton, Labour
MP for Bassetlaw, who narrated the political broadcast,
yesterday welcomed the publicity which the News of the
World had given to the back
grounds of the Front leaders.
Certain references that had
been struck our of the broadcast for legal reasons, Mr Ashfear that if that happened the cast for legal reasons, Mr Ashton said were minimal. "We got our message across".

fear that if that happened the Government's incomes policy could suffer a double blow. Not only would a public sector organization be seen to be openly breaching phase three for the first time; but there would also be a danger of encouraging a similar deal in the British Rail settlement next spring Many of the corporation's workers are members of the National Union of Railwaymen.

The issue is a difficult one, however, because it raises Last Wednesday's broadcast was initiated by the party's press and publicity committee and the campaign committee, of which Mr Callaghan, the Prime Minister, is a member. The new leaflet has been approved by the campaign committee and is being printed. It will present facts about the murder of millions of people by the Nazis during the however, because it raises questions over the independ-ence of public sector chairmen war and urge people in Britain to unite against the new forces in a mixed economy and how of racialism now emerging. It brands the National Front as tough the Government can get over an incomes policy than

has no statutory force.
Mr Rodgers denied a repor merchants of hate". Quoting from the declara-tions of Front leaders, the leafin The Observer yesterday that he had "reminded Sir Daniel let artempts to show the similarity between the rise of the German Nazi Party and the recent advance of the National he had "reminded Sir Daniel of his statutory obligations", because as he admitted, there is no statutory incomes policy. "I have issued no threat of any Front in Britain. It asserts: kind whatsoever", he said. "Yesterday—the Jews; today—the coloured people; tomorrow "However, I have made nowers, I however, the aniel that he and his board have an obligation to ensure that any seriement made their that any the corporation is within the guidelines, and that I would take a very serious view of any breach. Beyond that I cannot

A photograph of a Front leader whose appearance is thought to resemble Hitler is among the illustrations. On the among the illustrations of the cover, in colour, a Union Jack is shown disintegrating into a swastika; in the centre pages there is a picture of National Front marchers, with a call to party and union members to fight the influence of the "neo-nazis".

Mr Leo Abse, Labour MP for Pontypool, said yesterday that he will press in the Commons this week for an amendment to this week for an amendment to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, which prohibits the dis-closure of certain criminal records, because he says that it was not intended to provide. "whitewash" for people seek-ing public office.

a programme.
Sir Harold's denial was
issued after a BBC executive
said he had intervened to prevent the broadcasting of a programme about Stalin's daughter, Svetlana Aliluyeva. defends talk daughter, Svetlana Aliluyeva.
In a letter to The Times on
Saturday Sir Hugh Greene,
former director general of the
BBC, stated that in a telephone
call from 10 Downing Street he
was told that the Prime Minister would be very grateful if
the programme about Svetlana
Alilusara could be dropped by Front man From Our Correspondent

Altiuyeva could be dropped "in the national interest". Sir Harold said on Saturday " I fully accept his memory of the incident. Accordingly, I Freighter refloated

Weather forecast and recordings

volvement in demonstrations

amendment had grown since a passage in the broadcast last week was cut by BBC and IEA

lawyers for reasons that were purely legal Mr Abse said : " The Act must be changed. It was intended to give people a second chance. not to whitewash people seeking

political power."

Mr Frank Allaun, vice-chairman of the Labour Party and MP for Salford, East, said that certain workers, such as nurses, lawyers, policemen, prison offi-cers and social workers, were denied the protection of the Act, and there was an even stronger argument for people leading political parties or seek ing political power by standing for Parliament and local authorities being equally denied its protection.

Mr Brian Clough and Mr Jack Charlton, who are candidates for the managership of the England football team, have joined the Anti-Nazi League, which is campaigning against the National Froat, it was announced yesterday by Mr Peter

Mr Ashton said he had asked Mr Clough and Mr Charlton for support because it was obvious that the Front had been recruit-ing football supporters at matches. "We wanted to find some method of countering this", he said. Mr Hain said that it was in-

tended to form a group called Footballers against the Nazis" and to distribute leaflets outside football grounds. He added that the league would hold a rally in January and would dis-tribute thousands of leaflets during the Ilford, North byelection in which there would be a National Front candidate.

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Mr Peter Walker Conserva-tive MP for Worcester, said on Sarurday that it was not enough to condemn the National Front for its appalling views and to do nothing about the conditions out of which it was able to recruit members. "We are creating what will be a lost generation of under-privileged, semiliterate and unemployed black youngsters," he said. Council withdraws papers: The

London borough of Haringey has withdrawn the Christmas issue of its free newsletter to residents, the Haringey Star, because it contains an allegedly Mr Colin Ware, leader of the

council, said the council would ensure that the paper's content would be under "member control" in future.

## Chief constable

ham, Mr Arthur Puckering, said yesterday that Mr Martin Webster, deputy chairman of the Nasional Front, had been conference on public order because those present wanted

to hear from people represent-ing all aspects of the subject. Earlier Mr Gordon Bagier, Labour MP for Sunderland, South, had criticized the invi-tation as "shocking", on the grounds that Mr Webster's in-

had led to violence.
Mr Puckering said that the conference, some weeks ago,
"was an instructional course Principal's death

Professor Sir Hugh Robson, principal and vice-chancellor of Edinburgh University, died in the Northern General Hospital, Edinburgh, yesterday, aged 60.

#### Anti-apartheid protest over schools match By A Staff Reporter

Supporters of the Anti-Apartheid Movement are threatening to picket a school rugby match on Saturday between Dulwich College, in south London, and a South African touring team from the Cape Town An official of the

said vesterday that Mr David Emms, master of Dulwich College, has been asked to cancel the match.

He added: "Coming et a He added: "Coming at a time when the news is full of the repercussions of Steve Biko': murder and when the schoolchildren of Soweto are

schoolchildren of Sowell are still fighting for a decent edu-cation system; to play host to a privileged, all-white South African school both gives moral sustemance to the apartheid regime and is a provocation to the multiracial community in south London."

## 'PR would mean coalition governments at Westminster' Continued from page 1 the wedge, and it would be difficult then to resist pressure for the same method to be adopted for Westminster elections. Mr. Steel emphasized that although there were varying in the Conservatives won the open demied that the whip should be minority in the Commons, the Liberals would consider a pact that this is not the issue on which to break off the pact.... It is increasingly difficult to see anything wrong with it? It is increasingly difficult to see how it is going to be possible.

Mr Hayward declared.

The national executive of the Labour Party meets un Wednesday to decide whether the party shall fight the European elections if the Bill, carried by the votes of Conservatives, Liberais, other parties and a minority of Labour MPs, is becomes law. becomes law. It seems likely that the deci-

aion with be deferred until fur-ther progress has been made with the Bill. In the party at with the Bill. In the party
large, as annual conference
decisions have shown, there is
a majority opposed to direct
gues felt, but that could not be
ruled out ", Mr Steel said. " If elections.
Anti-EEC Labour MPs main-

Anti-EEC Labour MPs main-tain that if the party does get committed to fighting the European elections, candidates must include a fair proportion of anti-marketeers, who would

Williams, aged 34, said: "He

is very susceptible to colds and tires quickly. He has to have penicillin as soon as possible when he becomes ill."

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'hares meet'

Mr John G. Silk

The Law Society points out that neither Mr John Geoffrey Silk

nor partners with whom he practises in the West Midlands under the name of John Silk

under the name of John Silk and Co have any connexion with Mr John Colin Silk, who was

ordered recently to be struck off the solicitors roll, or his former practice of J. S. Silk and

to begin.

busmen were slightly injured in the fires, which destroyed

adopted for Westminster elections.

"Proportional representation means condition governments at Westminster on the lines of our European parmers, and it would be goodbye then to any dreams or aspirations for a democratic socialist Britain".

Mr Steel seemed yesterday to be puring his faith in Mr Callaghan's ability to persuade a majority of Labour MPs to yote for PR, and even if the Prime Minister failed, the Liberal leader did not expect the party shall fight the Euro-

the special conference to call the special conterence to call for an end to the part.

If it did, however, he would be in an "impossible position". He was pressed by Mr Brian Walden, former Labour MP and presenter of the programme, to say whether he would resign if the party went againer him. against him.

A lot would depend on

the party rejected the strategy on which I based my appeal during the leadership elections, and since, that would clearly be a vote against the leader-ship."

the country on the 'great issue' of proportional repre-sentation for European elec-

If the party did that, it would be adopting a policy they had criticized in other parties, putting something which the party believed in strongly above other issues which were of greater concern to the mass of the people.

which were of greater concern to the mass of the people.

Scorning the suggestion that he had been foxed and outmanoeuvred by Mr Callaghan so that Liberals had got very little out of the pact, Mr Steel argued that by saving the Government in March and supporting it since, the Liberals have provided conditions of stability in which economic recovery could take place.

People would come to see that the Labour Government mark II had followed very different policies from mark I, before the pact existed. At the next general election he thought his party would gain even more seats as the result of "ractical voting"

see now it is going to be pos-sible to cooperate with a Thatcher government when they have this almost panholo-gical blind spot about electoral

gical blind spot about electoral reform.

"If we campaign at the next election for the balance of power and we get it, we shall be in a stronger position to demand, after three general elections in which there has been no clear result a change elections in which there has been no clear result, a change in the method of election.

"At present the Tory leadership seems to be very strongly against it... but I think there is going to be a change of opinion on the Conservatives."

MPs bave Conservative received a three-line whip asking them to attend the House when the vote is taken on the when the vote is taken on the method of election for Europe, but there is a free vote. That is being taken by some Conservatives as implying that they should turn up to vote with Mrs Thatcher and the majority of the chadow Cabines against of the shadow Cabinet against PR.

brought on anyone to vote one way or the other." Tory MPs would make up their own minds and it would be a genuine free vote. Mr Edward Heath,

former party leader, and Mr James Prior, the shadow Secretary of State for Employment are among the Conservative leaders who will vote for PR. But Mr Pym insisted yesterday that there was no personality clash.

"As I have pointed out in relation to the Scotland Bill, there seems to be some merit in electing other assembles on a different system", he sand. But he felt the regional list system had profound weak-

The Opposition whips, who are in close touch with backbench views, reckon that the party will divide two to one against the PR method. The Conservative supporters of PR estimate that more than 70 will note for that system. vote for that system.

## Big search for boy with hole in heart A search was continuing last night for a boy, aged four, with a hole in the heart, who left this home at Trebairen, Newtown, Powys, on Saturday morning. Police officers aided by volunteers combed empty properties, alleys, and waste ground in the area vesterday for Mark Williams. A civilian diver also searched the Severn, that runs near his home. Mark's father. Mr Edward Williams, aged 34, said: "He

Allaying radiation fears: Cambridge University staff wearing protective clothing have begun to measure the radiation levels in the room at the Cavendish laboratory where Lord Rutherford discovered how to split the atom in the 1920s. The checks are being made to reessure the laboratory's new occupants, university sociologists, that they are in no danger of contamination.

#### Ewenty-five adults were fined £25 each, and a youth was fined £5, at a specially convened court at Stevenage, Hertford-shire, yesterday on charges of trespassing in pursuit of game during the day under the Game Act, 1831. They were attrested after Mr Taverne not to contest Lincoln again

Mr Dick Taverne, QC, former MP for Lincoln, will not contest the constituency at the general election. He held the seat for Labour from 1962 to 1972, when he resigned, and for the Democratic Labour They were arrested after police had been informed that a hare-coursing meet was about

Party from 1973 to 1974. He was beaten by Miss Margaret Jackson, the present Labour MP, in October, 1974.
The Democratic Labour Party still controls Lincoln City Council Mr Taverne said: "It has

become increasingly obvious that the idea of nursing a con-

stituency and my present work cannot be combined, as I am often abroad.

#### 'Sunday Times' loses copies in internal dispute

Copies of The Sunday Times were scarce yesterday because of a refusal by machine managers, who are members of the National Graphical Association, to work the customary overtime.
A statement by the newspaper said that it had been particularly anxious to complete production because of the news, which came in late, of the death of Mr David Holden, "one of its most distinguished corres-

pondents ". The men's refusal to work overtime was connected with an internal dispute, "which should have been pursued brough the established disputes procedure", the statement said.

## Christmas was cheaper under the Tories

By Robin Young Consumer Affairs

Christmas comes but once a year, and each time it gets more expensive, according to Mrs Sally Oppenheim, the Conservative spokesman on prices and consumer affairs. Speaking yeswizy at a briefing conferme of her constituency association in Gloucester, Mrs Oppenheim claimed that the year it would cost the crage family with two characteristics.

The comparable cost in 1973, the last Christmas presided over by a Conservative govern-

over by a Conservative government, she said, was only
£34.85!. She produced a
Christmas shopping list of
price comparisons to prove the

The list included all the traditional Christmas items, such as a 14-lb turkey, up from for to £10.50, a tree, up from 60p to £10.50, and tinsel, up from 60p to £1.75, and tinsel, up from 60p to £1.08.

Mrs Oppenheim allowed three bottles of spirits, all sharply up, has allowed the polytopenheim allowed three bottles of spirits, all sharply up, has allowed the polytopenheim and been up.

but only one pint of beer, up
11p at 30p. Her model family
were going to send four Christmas parcels, ar one of the
steepest increases in cost, up from £1.08 to £3.44. But they did not apparently buy presents Brothers die in crash

for anyone except the children, whose "toys and games" were reckneed to be up from £10.95 to £18.09. The assumption that they would still be able, or want, to send their 24 Christmas cards

send their 24 Christmas cards by first-class mail night appear optimistic, with the cost increased from 34p to £2.16.

The only thing on Mrs Oppenheim would sprouts, still 12p as in 1973.

Mrs Oppenheim evidently took little cheer in the prospert of Today little cheer in the prospect of the spirit of Christmas past being personified by a bag of brussel sorouts.

brussel sprouts.

Giving her constituents her best wishes for such a miserable Christmas, Mrs Oppenheim reminded them that things could be worse. They could be out of work, in which case this would be "one of the grimmest Christmases they had known".

She poured icy water on the suggestion made last week by (32.51K).

Pressure is low to the N of Scotland with a W arrstream over the British Isles. Troughs will approach NW areas later. (32.9ft). suggestion made last week by Mr Fraser, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Pro-tection, that everyone could look fo ward to a merry Christmas this year. "There can have been few more transparently false statements than this euphoric promise", she said. "1977 will be the most expensive Christmas that people can

MP out of danger

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Mr Austin Mitchell, Labour
MP for Grimsby, is out of danger after being seriously injured in a car crash on Friday,
Bedford General Hospital said yesterday.

In fair : r, rain : 5. For the serious of the serious o Mr John Flaherty, of Great MP for Grimsby, is out of dan-Sankey, Cheshire, and his brother, Mr Christopher Flaherty, of Southdene, Kirby, Liverpool, died yesterday when ger after being seriously injured in a car crash on Friday, Bedford General Hospital said their car was in collision with another car in Warrington.

NW England, N Istrict, Tale of Man, lasgow, central Sun rises : -3.52 pm 7.57 am Moon rises : Moon sets :

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London, SE, central S, E England,
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intervals, a few showers; wind,
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fresh; max temp 11°C (52°F).
SW England, S Wales, Channel
Islands: Sunny intervals; occassional showers dying out; windW, moderate or fresh; max temp
11°C (52°F).

Glasgow, central Highlands:
Sunny innervals, showers, heavy
in places, dying out; wind W,
moderate or fresh, locally strong;
max temp 9°-10°C (48°-50°F).
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intervals, a few showers, wind SW,
veering, W, moderate or fresh;
max temp 9°-10°C (48°-50°F).
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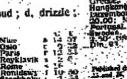
NW Scotland, Argyll, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, heavy showers dying out, cloudy later, rain in evening; wind W, moderate or fresh; locally strong; max temp 9°C (48°F).

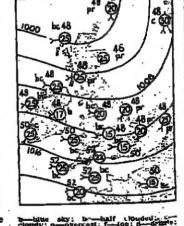
Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Changeable with rain at

nesday: Changeable with rain at times in N. also bright intervals, becoming muchly dry in S with group intervals; continuing mile.

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Strait of Dover, English Channel
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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY, MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d, drizzle ;





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London: Temp: max. 6 am to 6 pm, 11°C (52°F); mm, 6 pm to 6 am, 8°C (46°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 89 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, 1,3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,063.9 millibars, rising.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 11°C (52°P): min. 6 pm to 6 am, 10°C (50°P). Humidity, 6 pm, 79 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.19in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.4hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,010.0 millibars, rising.

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Mr Dennis Orme, leader of the Unification Church in Britain,

## Squire gave 600-acre estate to Moon cult

was almost 19, says: "He is a polite stranger I can no longer recognize. Tony met the Moomes in Plymouth. After A levels, the very next day he joined the UC. He did not even wait to find out the results of his exams."

Mr and Mrs Norman Beres-ford, of Nether Wallop, Hamp-shire, do not know where their son, Marcus, aged 21, is except that he is "somewhere in America" and working for the Moon organization. Mrs Beres-ford says: "Marcus was on holiday in America and with-out a work penuit. He was out a work permit. He was without money at the time he met with the Moonies on the California beaches.

"The letters he wrote us show he was low down morally show he was low down morally and physically. He wrote long screeds of letters all about Buddhist temples. He had not bothered to sign his name to some of them. They teach that a man should give up his family and follow the Messiah.

"We believe it is constant reiteration coupled with poor food and constant companion-ship that brings about the transformation in these young people. This is what has happened to our son."

Of the sect's 40 centres in Of the sects 40 centres in Britain, many are large houses with surrounding land where the members and their converts live. They are called family centres and are hierarchical in their structure, cach having group leaders responsible mainly for fund-raising and gaining new recruits. ponsible mainly for fund-raising and gaining new recruits.
Wittshire is a county under siege by the Moon cult at present and a call for a Home Office public inquiry into the sect's activities has come from Mr Victor Finlayson, prospec-Victor Finlayson, prospec-Labour candidate for

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The cult has two bases in Wiltshire. One is a 600-acre estate at Stanton Fitzwarren, valued at £800,000, which was lage, Mr Henry Masters, and his wife, Avril, both of whom are converts to the Unification Church. The other is a manor house at Seeud, near Trowbridge.

In a letter to Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, Mr Finlayson alleges that the cult has gained large areas of land, evicted a person who would not give up his Christian principles (Mr Desmond Jeeves, the manager of one of the ferms at Stanton Fitzwarren was evicted from his family home) and has drawn children away from their

He says: "I would draw your attention to the two groups of people I have encountered in the organization. One group is that of simple young people with difficulty adjusting to modern life, who retreat in the face of a challenge rather

"The second group is very sophisticated. Their smooth sophisticated. Their smooth appearance is accompanied by ordinary people. They are more like marketing men than the 'clect' of a new religion. All
of us would be failing in our
duty if we did not investigate
what is happening to the first group. Their hope of a safe retreat turns into a nightmare

 for their parents." As well as their stronghold an elaborate headquarters at 42, 17 and 44 Lancaster Gare, London. The large period properties, always with a Moon member on the door, overlook what was once one of the best known and best attended Anglican churches in London Christian.

churches in London, Christ Church Now the roof is missing and the church is in ruins. Mr Jan Porker, a Moon member, com-mented: "They opposed us and look what has happened to

the London headquarters the M4 motorway is the cult's bible belt. The Unification Church owns, or rents, properties on either side of the M4 from Rowlane Farmhouse it Dunsden, near Reading, which also houses a printing works, to Stanton Fitzwarren and Seend, near Trowbridge, to Bristol and on to Newport and Cardiff. There are reports that the Moon

sect is active in Bath but has so far failed to buy a residential property there.

The Unification Church, which first came to Britain in 1968, beginning modestly from a flat in Earls Court, London, now has centres or offices in Birm-ingham, Hull, Liverpool, Man-chester, Plymouth, Edinburgh, Dunbar, Glasgow and Newcastle

Until Mr Finlayson's inter-vention the parents' only ally has been Mr Paul Rose, Labour MP for Manchester, Blackley, with the help of the organiza-tion of which he is chairman, FAIR (Family, Action, Informa-tion and Rescue).

The association was formed The association was formed in response to the difficulties of parents and relatives of young people who had fallen under the influence of religious cults. It advises on how to counter indoctrination, but "strongly opposes physical coercion or "deprogramming". It helps with the consent of the person involved, using reasoned argument and proved fact.

argument and proved fact.

In the House of Commons in October, 1975, Mr Rose raised the question of "a number of bogus and bizarre bodies which purport to be religious cults".

He said: "They benefit from the laxity of the law relating to charities. Among them, and perhaps the most permicious, is a body commonly known as the Unification Church, with its fraudulent fund-raising, its dubious medical and psychodubious medical and psycho-logical claims, its rather sinister

political connexions and the dangers which it holds in rela-tion to the health of potential "Its sophisticated brain-washing techniques, its efforts to split youngsters from their families and encourage them to give up wordly goods are equally a danger to bealth and a matter of concern. The whole set-up

constitutes a criminal con-spiracy, only the fringes of which have been dealt with by convictions in court." (Those court convictions relate to

He went on to quote Mr Dennis Orme, leader of the Unification Church in Britain and a trustee of the Sun Myung Moon Foundation, which is a registered charity, es writing in the charch's newspaper, Rising Tide: "Jesus taught that we should have our father and mother and family and love him

Mr Rose told the House of Commons: "It is this doctrine that has brought myriads of letters pouring in to me". He went on to read a letter from a British parent whose son had been "witnessing" and street selling for the cult in Japan. "... I had a phone call to say Tony was on his way home.... Well, he was brought in he didn't recognize anybody, didn't speak, just a vacant expression on his face. The two ladies made

a quick exit, saying they had a train to catch back to London. "It was not until they had gone that I realized what Tony was really like. He could not ear or drink, so we got him straight to bed. We even had to undress him and put him to bed. He was also incontinent."

In a reply to Mr Rose, Dr Summerskill, Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, said the Home Office needed to know whether the activities of the Unification Church and its bodies were within the law. Anyone who had evidence that might suggest a criminal offence had been committed should make it known to the police. She said: "The information

that has been provided so far has not, in the judgment of those responsible, warranted prosecution for any major criminal offence. But there have been a few prosecutions on minor charges connected with street collection.

"We may as individuals take the view that the doctrines advanced by Mr Moon are lunatic. We may be particularly suspicious of the motives of people who, while claiming to benefit humanity, have substan-tially enriched themselves. But these are matters of opinion and surely it is one of the prin-ciples of a free society that people may propagate ideas which the majority of us do not share and do not believe."

## **Lord Chancellor suggests** shorter jail sentences

West Yorkshire branch of the Magistrates' Association, that Prisons had become grossly overcrowded. Magistrates in particular could ease the strain

Some criminals should be was the first few days, and that given shorter jail sentences to was a deterrent, except in the case the strain on overcrowded case of repeated sentences. prisons, the Lord Chancelior said on Saturday.

Lord Elwyn-Jones told the West Yorkshire branch of the Benches, he said, might well

cern at the number of people kept in custody between con-viction and sentence while reports were prepared. Two Shorter sentencing, he said. years ago that figure reached Many people felt that the 25,000 but only half of those worst part of a prison sentence received custodial sentences.

#### WEST EUROPE

## Britain and France see eye to eye

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 11

The best proof that Anglo-French relations have been set on an even course since President Giscard d'Estaing's state visit to Britain 18 months ago is the fact that the summit talks between Mr Callaghan and the President starting at Chequers comorrow are not expected to produce any sharp confrontation or spectacular de-

cisions.

It will be the second of such insertings, and their main purpose is to enable the President and the Prime Minister to discuss and tackle problems arising between their countries without bureaucratic strangs. This has been the case with the similar twice-yearly Franco-German summars, which have been taking place for nearly 15 years.

A pattern of regular cross-Channel contacts between min-isters and senior officials has developed in the past 18 months. Eight British ministers have visited Paris and seven French ministers have been to London.

London.

Some of the issues which may be discussed at the summit concern fisheries, the common agricultural policy, energy, and regional development. But they are well known end will be settled sooner or later in the same way as the compromise on Britain's contribution to the Community budget was reached at the EEC heads of state meeting in Brussels last week.

The President and the Prime Minister are basically agreed on future progress towards Euro-pean unity. They favour a con-federal approach, preserving the autonomy of each member forcement.

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The missivings provoked in France by Mr Callaghan's letter last October to Mr Ron Hayward, the General Secretary of the Labour Party, and his approval of enlargement of the Community as a means of reducing the dangers of over-centralization and over-harmonization, have largely subsided.

There remains an underlying suspicion, however, that the British Government is bent on getting as much as it can out of the EEC (the French admit the same approach); but without appearing really convinced of the corresponding need to develop Community structures and institutions.

France sees its national inter-

France sees its national interests best seved by a stronger Community. It is not convinced that Britain has come round to that view.

Apart from the traditional survey of the world situation, on which both Governments are very much of the same mind, a more productive discussion is likely over increasing cultural exchanges and industrial and energy cooperation.

There is a growing conviction on both sides of the Channel that the countries of West Europe camot hold their own in the industrial field against competition from the United States, Japan and the developing countries if they do not work together. Mr Calleghan may suggest a distribution of projects between the Brirish, French and West German again.

space industries.

There is a whole range of possibilities for partnership in the development and production of nuclear power stations.

While a Community energy policy is still undecided Britain, which has excess generating capacity, may be ready to sell electricity to France, which has a shirtage. electracity to France, which has a shortage. Feeling better: Mr Callaghan expects to be well enough to receive. President Giscard d'Eszang, Whinebell officials indicated. He cancelled two engagements on Saturday because of a heavy cold.

Electricity workers who have

been staging power cuts in sup-

been staging power cuts in support of wage demands have asked to see President Giscard d'Estaing to explain their conflict with the electricity board. The dispute, they say, arises from the board's disregard of the law, which requires the chairman to negotiate freely with the staff on wage claims "as guardian of the French constitution". A communique issued by unions yesterday said it was up to the President to ensure that the law was respected.

respected.
They have no hope of obtaining satisfaction. The power cuts have provoked a mounting wave

of protest by employers whose

production they disrupt. The Prime Minister has condemned

them as an "evil deed against the economic recovery of our

country and the employment of Frenchmen", and the President has shown signs of growing im-

Power cut workers ask to

see President Giscard



Professor Rosalyn Yalon, joint winner of the Nobel medicine prize for her work as a radiophysicist in New York, dancing

## Fear is cause of war, Nobel meeting told

Osio, Dec 11.—Mrs Berry Williams, the Northern Ireland peace campaigner and Nobel peace prizewinner, today hailed President Sadat's visit to Israel last month as an important recognition of psychological barriers as the main obstacles to peace in the Middle East.

"President Sadat recognized that the problem was 70 per cent, as he said himself, psychological. The problem of war everywhere is mainly psychological. It comes from fear, mistrust, suspicion", she said in her Nobel lecture today.

The lecture was delivered in the Oslo University hall where Mrs Williams and Miss Mairead Corrigan belatedly received the 1976 Nobel gold medal and diploma yesterday.

logna yesterday. Mrs Williams strongly criti-

cited meaningless violence and senseless military spending all over the world. \$500,000 (£270,000) are spent every misure of every day on war and the preparation for war, while in every one of those minutes human beings . . . die of neglect", she said.

"What makes these insane priorities the sicker is that this obscene amount of money is

spent in the name of defending either freedom or socialism. No doubt the dead and dying are relieved that freedom and socialism are being so efficiently defended, she added. Mrs Williams acknowledged that the situation could not be

changed overnight or without struggle. But she expressed the struggle. But she expressed the hope of channelling the Penta-goo, the Kremiin and "all the other great centres of mili-tarism" into creative work. Amnesty International, the outlon-based human rights Loudon-based human rights organization, was awarded the 1977 Nobel peace prize, presented during its Prisoner of Conscience Year.

science Year.

Speaking on behalf of Amnesty, Professor Mumtaz Soysal of Turkey said that violations of human right threatened world peace. Me deplored the use of human rights es a weapon in international politics.

To Amnesty's knowledge, he said, human rights were being violated in 117 countries under every social and political system, but this was only the tip of the iceberg. Government sanctioned torture was still be-

### Amnesty reports increasing use of death penalty

From Roger Oboate Stockholm, Dec 11

Amnesty International con-ducted its first international conference for abolition of the death penalty in Stockholm this weekend. Attended by 177 delegases from 49 nations, it noted that capital punishment was now sauctioned in more than 100 countries and was on the An indictment of Soviet

criminal law came in a state-ment written by Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet Academi-cian and Nobel peace prize winner, who was unable to attend in person. It noted that the death penalty was assigned for crimes which did not involve attempts on human life, such as property offences and private entrepreneurial activity.

Dr Sakharov attributed the flourishing persistence of the death penelty in the Soviet

Yesterday, M Giscard d'Estaing asked the Minister for

Industry and the chairman of the electricity board to return

urgently from visits overseas, in order to examine "what action can be taken to avoid the consequences of the strikes".

Further cuts are scheduled for Wednesday and Friday if the Government refuses to

the Government refuses to negotiate, but it cannot yield without undermining its whole

windor undermining its whole wage restraints policy.

Its margin of manoeuvre is narrow. To resort to requisitioning the electricity workers or replacing them by the military would, on past form, make matters worse. Immediate escalation of the conflict perhaps

lation of the conflict, perhaps a general strike, would be the

Meanwhite the unions main-

tain that the denunciations of the power cuts by ministers and

and employers are signs of a deliberate plot to undermine

Union to the "grievously low cultural and moral level of our present criminal procedure, its subservience to the state and frequently its corruption, accessibility to bribes, and dependence on local fleader-

In Sweden, where capital punishment has been abolished, it was found that there is no if was found that there is no correlation between the death penalty and crime prevention, said Mr Thorbjörn Fälldin, the Prime Minister.

Senator Hipolito Yrigoyen, of Argentina, who is in exile, said

the Buenos Aires regime rein-troduced the death penalty in troduced the death penalty in 1976 as legal window dressing for the fact that "thousands of Argentines are executed on the fringes of legislation".

In Chile, about 2,500 persons had disappeared this year, he said, while political murders in Guatemala were estimated at 15,000 between 1970 and 1977.

President Eames spent the weekend trying to solve the problem of finding a new Government for Portugal, following the defeat last week of the Socialist Government of Dr Mario Soares.

The President has held talks with Dr Soares and a Socialist Party delegation, and with the leaders of the other parties. He has also consulted the Council of the Revolution, an advisory body intended to ensure fulfilment of the principles of the April, 1974, revolution.

So far, no decisions have been made public, and the President has not asked anyone to form a new Government.

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As President Eanes leaves for

four-day official visit to West

President Eanes spent

Portuguese search for

Government continues

### Italian call for coalition including **Communists**

Fom Peter Nichols Rome, Dec 11

Signor Bettino Craxi, the Socialist leader, today renewed his demand for a coalition government to include the Communists, saying that the country was "sinking into the quicksands of a political situation full of contradictions".

He was speaking at Piacenza at the end of a weekend which has seen the likelihood of imme-diate political change recede. The crisis itself is still apparent enough. Early yester-day a fire believed to have been caused by saborage seriously damaged a section of the Fiat works at Mirafiori in Turin. The fire, apparently started with phosphorus bombs, is estimated to have cost Fiat 2,000m lire (£1.4m) but work is due to begin tomorrow morning as

This is the eleventh act of sabotage since March, 1976. By coincidence it occurred two days before the eighth anniversary of the bombs in a Milan bank which initiated serious political terrorism in Italy.

Fears of possible couse quences of the fall of the Gov. quences of the fail of the covernment at a moment of serious economic and social difficulty is presumably one of the reasons why talk of a change which dominated the end of last week has subsided at the week-

The party leadership of the governing Christian Democratic Party has let ir be known that things should be left as they are until the spring. This means that Signor Andreotti would remain Prime Minister for the time being unless events force

him out.

Such would be the consequences of a general strike if the unions should carry out their threat of organizing one against the Government's handling of the economy. Their intentions should be known by the end of the week.

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Signor Andreotti can hardly signor Andreotti can hardly expect to have an easy time, even within the ranks of his own party. The Communists' insistence that if change comes they intend being actual members of the next government and not simply outside supporters no doubt helped to reimpose discipline among the unquiet Christian Democrats.

#### Frau Hess plea to wife of President Carter

Berlin, Dec 11.— Frau Ilse Hess, wife of the former Nazi leuder Herr Rudolf Hess, has ritten to Mrs Rosalynn Carter, wife of President Carter, to seek her aid in obtaining a pardon for her husband, now aged 83, the newspaper Welt

aged 85, the newspaper Welt am Sonntag reported today. Welt am Sonntag said the State Department had told Frau Hess that her husband's prison conditions were to be relaxed after negotiations between the three Western allies and the Soviet Union. The Russians have always rejected requests for Herr Hess's release.—Agence France-Presse.

#### 12 killed in US plane crash

Santz Cruz de Tenerife, Dec 11.—Twelve people were killed when a United States military sircraft crashed on Hierro, in the Canary Islands south-west of here, the Spanish news agency Cifra reported today.

Cifra said the aircraft crashed into a hillside on the small island and broke up scattering weekage over a wide

In a talk with the correspon

dents of foreign newspapers and agencies this weekend, Dr Soares explained that his former Government would carry on the administration of state affairs until the President announces that a new Government is formed

The former Prime Minister said that the fall of his Govern-

ment was netural in a demo

cratic context, and that it would also be natural for those who overthrew him to try their hand at governing.

It was easier to criticize than

to govern, he edded. The over-throw of a Government by the Opposition would not have been possible before 1974.

He denied that there was any danger of a military govern-

ment, saying that the armed

forces were now "united and responsible" under the leader-

ship of General Eanes, who is Chief of Staff of the armed

#### OVERSEAS\_\_\_\_

## Argentine leader sees victory near in war against terrorism

From Peter Strafford Buenos Aires, Dec 10

President Videla of Argentina has told a group of visiting British journalists that the campaign against armed terrorist groups in Argentina is nearing its end, and that the terrorists have only about 15 per cent of the strength they

But he could not give any dates for a return to civilian rule, because the armed forces wanted a different type of democracy from what Argentina had had in the past, that "will take some

"stable, strong, modern demo-cracy" which would provide protection against "any type of aggression, even the most subtle, such as subversive subtle, s

General Videla was speaking in the Casa Rosadu, the seat of the presidency. He showed himself well aware of the bad image that Argentina has abroad because of the nature of the armed forces' campaign against subversion but paign against subversion, but he blamed this on misinforma-

Argentius, he said, had suffered aggression from subversive terrorism, which had led to a state of chaos, as well as intimidation, assassinations and kidnappings directed at several different groups. In response, it had been necessary to defend the human rights of Argentine society, and defeat an attempt to subvert its system of life.

"This is really a war. In a war there are survivors, wounded, dead and, sometimes, people who disappear."

General Videla, a mild-mannered man, is generally regarded as one of the more moderate members of the Argentine military Government. There are grounds for believing that he has tried to modify some of the policies adopted since the armed forces took over last year, but has not had the power to overrule the hard-liners

liners.

Ouestioned about human rights, he conceded that there might have been some "excesses". But this was not the rule, and in general Argentine citizens were not the victims of repression. "It is directed against a minority whom we do not consider

It was "a serious crime to assault our Western and Christian style of life and to try to change it to something we do not like". It was not just people who exploded bombs or fired guns who were regarded as aggressors, but also those who were "active in

the ideological field" and tried to impose different ideas. This appears to confirm the accusations of such groups as the Permanent Assembly for Aires, which maintain that the armed forces have not just been rounding up real or suspected terrorists, but have detained many neople simply for views

which could be seen as leftist.

Over the past 18 months are
so, thousands of people have been taken for questioning, and many are said to have been tortured and killed. Man-others have disappeared, without their families receiving a

word about their fate. When asked about General Videla said that there were no political prisoners in Argentina, just "subversive criminals". He estimated that there were no more than 4,000 of them, and planned to pub-

lish a list soon. This figure is lower than the one out forward by the Permanent Assembly for Human Rights, which believes that about 6,000 people are being legally held. It also takes no account of those who have simply disappeared, their arrest never referenced. never acknowledged by the authorities. These are thought to number perhaps

General Videla denied that General Videla denied that there were any concentration camps in which such people were being held or that detainees were held for long periods in military establishments. He conceded that some people might in fact have disappeared as a result of the policy of repression—a consequence of the internal war—but said that there were other reasons for most of the disappearances.

appearances. There were those who given up terrorism and did not want it known, those who had gone underground, or had left the country, or been killed by the terrorists themselves

because they were considered traitors, and those who had died in explosions and fires and had not been identified.

Buenos Aires, Dec 11.—Eight hundred people have called on the Argentine Government to provide information on the whereabouts of relatives who had disappeared.

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The appeal came in a pention published as an advertisement in the newspaper La Nación. The missing include a group of between 15 and 25, mostly women, believed to have been involved in preparation of the perion.

had been picked up on Thursday night, after a meeting on premises belonging to the church, by men in plain clothes who said that they were police.

## Rhodesian nationalist returns from exile

From Nicholes Ashford
Salisbury, Dec 11
As the 9.30 am flight from
Johannesburg arrived in Salisbury yesterday, a small group
of excited Africans, reinforced by press photographers and television cameramen, crowded round the arrival gate at the airport to greet the latest in the growing number of nationalist exiles returning to Rhodesia to take part in moves to achieve an internal settlement.

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The new arrival was Mr
George Nyandoro, the external
affairs secretary of the United
African National Council, led
by Bishop Abel Muzorewa.

There was upplause and broad
smiles from both blacks and whites in the crowd as he passed through the customs check to be greeted by his wife, whom he had not seen for

wife, whom he had not seen for the past 14 years.

Mr Nyandoro, a small exuberant man with an engaging hough had been living in Zambia since 1964 and signed the Lussika declaration of December 1974, on behalf of the may defunct Frolizi the now defunct Frolizi

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organization.

He joined the ANC movement a year later just before
the Victoria Falls talks. A week
ago the Zambians decided to
expel him from Lusaka, an act
which Mr Nyandoro attributes
to President Kaunda's all-out
support from Mr Joshua
Nkomo, one of the joint leaders
of the Patrioric Front.

Mr Nyandoro said on arrival

Mr Nyandoro said on arrival that he had come back to take part in the talks with the Rhodesian Government, which are due to resume tomorrow, and a to see how best we can solve the problems which beset our country".

Mr Nyandoro is the fifth prominent nationalist to return from exile since July when the Organization of African Unity ummir meeting in Libreville came out in open support for the Patriotic Front. The first and most uotable was the Rev Ndsbaning Sithole. who is now heading the ANC (Sithole) delegation at the settlement talks. Mr Sithole's agle because, until then, he was regarded as one of the most wanted "terrorist leaders" on police files. He was followed by Mr James

He was followed by Air James Chikerema, former leader of Frolizi and first vice-president of the UANC. Previously Mr Chikerema had been regarded by the white authorities as being as "notorious" as Mr Sithole. He was, for instance, a member of the original Zapu Zimbabwe African People's Union war council which launched the first sucretile raids into Phodesis in guerrilia raids into Rhodesia in

Now, however, he is seen as the man who could take over the leadership of the UANC eventually. He has already been credited with giving new drive and a sense of direction to the UANC.

Two less well known but nevertheless significant political figures to return have been Professor Standake Samkange and Mr Lawrence Vambe. Professor Sankange, one of the older generation of the older generation of nationalists, was secretary-general of the old Rholoesian African National Congress in

distilusioned with factional squabbles within the nationalist movement, however, and moved to the United States Mr Vambe was assistant information officer in London for the Central African Ferera-tion between 1959 and 1962 and spent the past 13 years abroad. He is to become Bishop Muzorewa's public relations

Salisbury, Dec 11.—Bishop Muzorewa today gave warning of calling a general strike "to bring the whites down within two weeks" if the present talks failed to produce a settle-ment.—UPI.

#### Three held in Pakistan over illegal Berlin entry Islamabad, Dec 11.—Three tical asylum under West

people were acrested today German laws offering it to accused of organizing the illegal people subjected to political or entry into West Germany of religious persecution. the 123 Pakistanis who were deported from that country to Pakistan last week. The police said that they con-

fiscated a number of fake passports and some United States dollars and West German marks when they arrested Halim Yusuf, Mushtaq Qamar and Zefar Saleem. The dilegal immigrants, the police said, each paid at least \$1,200 (£660) after being told that they would be given poli-

The 123 were still being

questioned by the Pakistan Federal Investigation Agency. -AP. Berlin, Dec 11.-The West

Berlin police today said that in the past few days they had arrested 99 Pakistanis who entered West Berlin illegally.

Unless they could justify requests for political asylum, they would be sent back to Pakistan, like those flown to Karachi last week.-Agence France-Presse.

## Germany tomorrow it is believed that he will issue a communiqué informing the country of progress so far before departing. 'Impartial' newspaper for Madrid From Our Correspondent

Madrid, Dec 11
A new deily newspaper, El
Imparcial, made its first appearance in Madrid today, carrying on its front page an account by Senor Santiago Carrillo, the Communist leader, of a secret meeting he had with Senor Adolfo Suarez the Prime Minister, before the Spanish Com-munist Party was legalized. Taking its place with the four other morning newspapers and four evenings in the capital,

El Imparcial is edited by Senor

Emilio Romero, who for many years ran the official organ of

the now defunct state-run trade unions, and who turned that evening paper, Pueblo, into one

of Spain's most popular jour-

from a republican newspaper founded in 1867 which lasted The formet is reminiscent of Pueblo and it is full of articles by journalists whose bylines became famous on that news-

A leading article said the newspaper would live up to its name: "We do not want to add one more partial view to the many that already exist", it said. "We also consider it our obligation to avoid prejudice or prior judgment about anyone within the legality of an open democratic system regardless of his ideas . . . "This is going to be a free

The newspaper takes its title and, from this position of freedom, we send greetings to everyone with the firm desire for more than half a century, that we will be useful to the Spanish people."

The new daily carried little news and did not mention some

developments that made headlines in other newspapers of the capital, such as the announcement that police records of the political activities of individuals will be destroyed. On the other hand it dedicated many pages to essays by or interviews with prominent politicians, including Señor José Maria Areilza, a monarchist, Señor Pablo Castellana lano, a socialist, and Senor Manuel Fraga Iribanus leader right-wing Popular

#### Channel ferries disrupted by French strike

A strike by French seamen

disrupted Channel traffic out of Dover last night. Sailings from the Kent port to Calais were cancelled and passengers and cars diverted to Zeebrugge and Ostend in Belgium.

blocking berths and two British Rail ferries returned to Dover from Calais with their passengers still on board. A port spokesman at Dover

## At Calais, the striking seamen had left their ferries

said passengers must expect diversions and some delays until the strike, which is over a crewing dispute ends

## Large schools offer more effective teaching and wider subject range, Schools Inspectorate says

By Diana Geddes Education Correspondent

Small schools are likely to suffer from more disadvantages than large ones, the Schools Inspectorate suggests in a paper prepared for the Government's conference on comprehensive education in York at the end of this week.

At the Tory party conference in Blackpool last autumn Mr St John-Stevas, opposition spokesman on education, said that "small is beautiful" in relation to comprehensive

Anxiety about very large schools is frequently expressed by parents, the public and, less of parents, the public and, less often, by teachers, the inspectorate says. The main concern was that sheer size might turn schools into impersonal institutions in which effective care for the individual was difficult to achieve. It was not true that such care could not be provided in a large school. in a large school.

Large schools, however, needed much more structure. Much teacher time tended to be consumed in administrative and organizational duties, leaving less time available for teaching, and thereby undermining

It was much less generally recognized that without generous resources schools could also be too small, especially when they had to provide for the full ability range, the in-

spectorate says.
"While it is true that in a small school many things requiring structure and time in a larger school can and do depend on less formal arrangements, it is unwise to assume that all will necessarily be well in a world of informality", it

It uses "small" to describe schools of fewer than 600 pupils, "medium" for schools of between 600 and 1,200, and "large" for bigger schools. Contrary to common belief, there are few large schools and very few that are very large, the inspectorate says.

In a small school it was often In a small school it was often difficult to ensure adequate coverage of subjects. Departments would necessarily be small, with reduced opportunities for interchange of ideas between specialist staff, and the presence of one weak teacher could have more far-reaching effects on a higher proportion of numits

full range of expected opporgreat cost to the earlier years. Given a normal catchment area a school would need to have at least an eight-form entry to provide a sixth form with a reasonable programme from its own resources. That would mean a total enrolment of about 1,300 in a school with pupils aged 11 to 18.

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In meeting the needs of minorities, small schools again had special difficulties. There was clear evidence that the proportion of children with special needs of various kinds was considerable, the inspectorate says, rarely less than one in 10 and in impoverished neighbourhoods often more than one in three. than one in three.

than one in three.

Small schools were likely to have only very few children in each category of special need, the exceptionally able, for example, or the heavily disadvantaged. They had to choose, therefore, between hoping that their needs could be met without special arrangement or making such arrangements at the expense of the everage pupils.

ing, and thereby undermining to some extent the economic arguments for large schools.

The inspectorate suggests that the difficulties often attributed to large schools could be more a product of the school's location than of its size. Many were in urban areas. Some lacked a behanced intake and contained a high proportion of children with personal and contained a high proportion of children with personal and contained that United

Coal reserves enough for 300 years

It is estimated that United

The inspectorate recognized, however, that there was a marked preference for smaller schools in many quarters. One was for children to recruit and retain well qualified, experienced teachers.

Difficulties were encouncered in trying to provide for a sixth form in a small comprehensive school. Either the subjects offered had to be severely recognized, however, that there was a marked preference for smaller schools in many quarters. One was for children to transfer at a later age.

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By Penny Symon

**Tradescants** 

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Church to be memorial to venteenth-century royal gardener, and his son, also named John, who were responsible for bringing many now popular plants, including Traducantie virginiana, to Britain from abroad, are to be lastingly commemorated in the south London character and characteristics. London church and churchyard where they are buried. where they are buried.

The redundant, almost derelict church of St Mary the Virgin, just outside the same of Lambeth Palace, is being planned as an international gardening advisory centre, with a museum recording the history of gardening, and its churchyard, planted with all the species introduced by the two men, is to become the species introduced by the two
men, is to become the
Tradescant Memorial Garden.
Because of its connexton with
the Tradescants, the church,
which has been described by the
Archbishop of Canterbury as a
"running sore," was visited
earlier this year by Mr John
Nicholson and his wife. Rosemary. They were borrified to
see that it had been allowed to
deteriorate and that the tomb
of the Tradescants was covered
with dirt.

Mr and Mrs Nicholson (left) with two founder members of their Tradescapt Trust in St

ago and we must ensure that the old building can come to life again for a real purpose, not only for those living in Lambeth but on a worldwide

gardening, nature and In February, the trustees, setion and establish a who include Mr David Piper, director of the Ashmolean Museum, Oaford, and Mrs Churchyerd, she said, Jemes Bland Martin, of the become a memorial Garden Club of America, will

The trust will receive some money this week from a performance in St Mary's of Rumer Godden's Holly and Ivy, specially adapted by the Dolphin Puppeteers and the Eton Puppet Group.

"I read the smry by Miss Godden about a girl who started a garden in a bombed London church and told her what we were planning to do at St Mary's", Mrs Nicholson said. "She wrote and told me about the puppeteers, and as a about the puppeters, and as a result we are one of the four charities to benefit from the proceeds this week."

about 1570, became gardener to the Cecils at Hatfield House

garden, with examples of the plants that the Tradescents for the Nicholson set up a trust to enable the trust to take responsibility for the church's responsibility for the church's responsibility for the church's many times to Europe, and in restoration and conservation, 1618 was the first English without support from the church commissioners.

The trust will receive some many plant-hunting expeditions to America and the West Indies, and together for the church, which is literally on his doorsnep." Mrs. Nicholson said. "The church was made redundant five years ago and we must ensure thet the trees, shrubs and herbaceous and climbing plants collected during their travels, were later given by Elias Ashmole to form the foundation of Oxford University's Ashmolean

Virginian spiderwort, now known as Tradescantia Virginiana, Lobelia cardinalis, Virginia creeper Virginia creeper, trumper honeysuckle, Matthiola sinuata, ancestor of 10-week stock

Hairdressing pay said to be lowest in Britain

Britain's 135,000 bairdressers ere the lowest paid workers in Britain, according to a report by the Low Pay Unit published today. Many of them, it says, have had their pay limited because they missed out on phase one and two awards.

The report is issued on the day of a meeting to one them. day of a meeting to set new

hairdressing minimum wage rates. It criticizes the industry's wages council and calls for an urgent inquiry.
It criticizes the council for failing to give the full 56 phase one increase and a phase two "topping up" award, and not setting a new minimum rate. It also criticizes the government for not calling on the wages council to award a phase two increase and the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers

for leaving the wages council five years ago. The report says that at an average of £29.80 gross, hair-dressers' earnings amount to less than two thirds of average earnings of all women, a fall of 13 per cent since 1970. More than one in five employers pay below the minimum wage.

A representative of the wates council said that members would today be considering all "The Low Pay Unit have sub-mitted their report and we have acknowledged it. It will be considered with other reprecousidered with other representations at the meeting."

A Short Back and Sides for the Poor (Low Pay Unit. 9 Poland Street, London W1, SOp plus 10p postage).

Galleries to close

The Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, is to reduce the number of galleries open at any one time from next month. The action arises from a security review after the theft of a Constable landscape, which was

It is estimated that United Kingdom reserves of coal recoverable using established technology, are sufficient to Darliament technology, are sufficient to Parliament current extracuon rates.

Energy, Nov 28 Bill reserves: On estimated re-serves it is expected that United Kingdom production of all will last well into the next century, but in declining quantities, and that while demand for oil as a source of energy will also decline, that fall will not be sufficiently fast to avert the need for future oil im-norts.

Oil exports: United Kingdom ex-ports of crude oil from April, 1976, to September, 1277, were as fol-lows (thousands of tomes):

France, 1,430; Belgium-Lux, 191; Netherlands, 3,515; Germany (West), 2,544; Irish Republic, 700; Norway, 104; Sweden, 1,465; Portugal, 57; Canada. 89; United States, 2,627; others, 1,770. Total, 14,492.

Grace and Favour residences:
There are 138 grace and favour
apartments, most of which are at
Windsor Castle, Hampton Court.
Kensington and St James's
pulaces. The Department of the
Environment's costs for repairs, 1972-73, £2,500; 1973-74, £77,770; 1974-75, £28,703; 1975-76, £126,334; 1976-77, £67,196. Total: £302,503.

A periodic digest of information given in parliamentary written replies with the sources and dates on which they appeared in Hansard.

Prisoners' reading ability: In a sampled population of prisoners 3 per cent were assessed as being unable to read; 8.1 per cent as having a reading age of less than eight years; for young prisoners the figures were 3.5 per cent, 7.6 per cent and 20.6 per cent respectively. All those prisoners have access to remedial education classes.

Usemployment: The areas in the United Kingdom with the highest rates of unemployment (per cent) at October 13 were as follows: Strahane, 28.4; Newry, 23.2; Lesmanagow, 22.6; Dungamon, 21.2; Rothessy, 20.3; St Ives, 19.8; Cookstown, 19.2; Heiston, 19.2; Cardigan, 18.7; Londonderty, 18.1; Temby, 17.8; Lampeter, 17.4; Rivacombe, 17.3.

percentage increase in unemployment in each region of the United Kingdom for the period April, 1974, to November, 1977, based on seasonally adjusted

South-east, 206.1; East Anglia, 213.8; South-west, 198.6; West Midlands, 161.6; East Midlands, 151.1; Yorks and Humberside, 128.1; North-west, 126.9; North, 98.8; Wales, 129.9; Scotland, 111.1; Northern Ireland, 107.7.

Firemen: The full-time and part-time strengths respectively, in-cluding control room staff, of fire brigades in England and Wales for the past four years were as follows:

1973, 26,292, 14,233; 1974, 31,117, 14,011; 1975, 32,550, 14,704; 1976, 32,592, 15,065. Home Office, Dec 1

Entry refusals: A total of 11,534 Commonwealth citizens and foreign nationals were refused leave to enter the United King-dom in 1976. The reasons given were as follows:

were as follows:

Insufficient means for visit or not genuine visitor (6,124); lack for a UK visa by foreign national (1,343); transit passenger thought to be unable or not intending to proceed at once to another country and assured of entry there (1,062); intention to study not genuine or unsatisfactory arrangements for study (725); seeking employment without a work permit (393); others reasons (1,877).

Home Office, Dec 1

November the Department of Health and Social Security had parchased 279 kidney machines during the year, all of which were manufactured in Great Britain.

Social Services, Nov 29

#### A truck travelling country roads. A van in the heart of the city. A bus carrying tourists, or workers, or schoolchildren. Vehicles named Fiat. OM. Lancia. Unic. Magirus-Deutz. This is the world of Iveco.



Industrial Vehicles

Corporation

#### Moratorium on disconnexion of power urged

By a Staff Reporter An immediate moratorium on the disconnexion of gas and electricity supplies and a 12month freeze on fuel prices are urged today in a strongly worded open letter to Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy. It comes from the National Right to Fuel Cam-paign, which also demands an urgent review of the Govern-ment's attempts to alleviate fuel poverty low-income

The letter coincides with the start of the Government's electricity discount scheme, which is designed to help poor consumers to pay their bills. Those qualifying will get a payment of £5 next month and receive a 25 per cent rebate on bills of more than £20.

But Mr David Green, organizer of the campaiga, said the value of the £25m originally earmarked for the scheme has been cur by 12 per cent by the rise in electricity prices this year. Yet more people than ever were at risk from cold homes.

He also criticized Mr Benn for failing to fulfil a report from his department calling for an end to the power of disconnexion and the wider use of prepayment meters. The lect it.

142,892 people who had had their fuel cur off were awaiting ing how seldom debtors are action on that.

## £20m debts uncollected under earnings law

By Robin Young Consumer Affairs

Correspondent The courts have failed to col-

lect more than £20 million worth of bad debts since attachment of earnings orders were introduced to stop debtors being sent to prison, a report submitted to the Lord Chan-cellor claims today.

Credit Data Ltd have studied the operation of attachment of earnings orders since 1971. They conclude that the system can only apply successfully to a small percentage of debtors. They claim that of a sample of 2,620 debtors investigated, they discovered that only 105 were suitable for attachment of earnings.

There are an average of 100,000 applications for attachment of earnings each year, but less than half the opplications filed become orders, and less than one therd of the orders made are ever fully paid.

The costs of applying for an attachment of earnings are prov-prohibitive, the report argues, and it is estimated that £80m worth of debt has never been submitted to the courts, because of their known inability to collect it.

of the overal infeffectiveness of the system. It is also found that the courts are reluctant to take any measures against em-ployers, despite the large num-ber of orders which are allowed

Mr Paul Brooks, chairman of Credit Data, said: "Some sort of discipline has got to be put back into commercial life and the courts have the powers to do so, if only they would use them."

The report makes recom-mendations for tightening up mendanous for inghtening up present procedures, including a suggestion that debtors' P45 rax forms should be endorsed so that debtors who change jobs cannot leave their new employers in ignorance of attachment orders outstanding against them.

#### Babysitter dies after shooting

Julie Fletcher, aged 13, of Queen Elizabeth Way, Kirk Hallam, Derbyshire, died of gunshot wounds early yester day at a house in Gladstone Street, Ilkston, where she was babysitting.

Police said no charges were being preferred at present, but the facts had been reported to the coroner.

## TV disruption in Welsh language battle

Cardiff

units " " Commando Cymdeithas yr Iaith Cymraeg last week deprived a large area of rural Wales of television reception by switching off four booster stations which enable the signals to circumnavigate the mountainous area.

Unlike other groups that engage in activities that may be illegal, the Welsh Language Society is almost proud to pru-claim its responsibility. Mr Aled Eirug, the secretary, said: "The raids were a warning to the Government that we are capabl: of far more unless they agree to proceed quickly with a fourth television channel for Wales designated primarily for

bers were not averse to resorting to direct action.

The society maintains that it was born out of a sense of frus-tration engendered by a realiration in 1963 that only drastic action remained if Welsh was to survive as a living language. Since then society members have been imprisoned and fined for defying the law.

Mr Eirug said: "Television is the most insistent voice in the home, and without access to the mass media the Welsh lan-guage will die. A decision by tl Home Office has become

vitally important" The Home Office see the clandestine raids on unprotected booster stations as an exer-Welsh language programmes. cise in unnecessary propaganda, for there is a commitment to much further the society would go in pursuit of its aims, but

Mr Rees, the Home Secretary. said last mouth that plans for the development of a Welsh language station were well advanced, "subject to the money being available".

A White Paper on the subject has been forecast for the new year. It is expected to be in-fluenced by the recommenda-tions of the Crawford committee report published in 1974. That stated: "The social need in Wales for the service

is pressing, and we recommend that it should be introduced on the fourth channel in Wales as soon as possible without wait-ing for a decision on the use of the fourth channel in the rest of the United Kingdom. This would also give the service an opportunity to build up its audience before having to meet competition from fourth channel programmes broadcast fro muransmitters in England."

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## Mr Whitlam bows out after Fraser win in Australian election

From Douglas Aiton,
Melbourne, Dec 11
The Fraser Government was

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returned to office in yesterday's Australian election with its huge majordity in the House of Representatives barely touched. Mr. Gough Whitlam, the Opposizion leader who was Printe Minister from 1972 to 1975, immediately autounced that he would relinquish the Labour leadership.

Although by the end of the

campaign a Freser victory semed certain, few expected such a resounding triumph. With five results still to come, the Liberals have 66 seats, their coalition pertuer the National Country Party, has 18 seats, and the Labour Party 35 in the House of Representatives, which now has 124 seats.

In the old House, which had 127 seats, the Government had 188 members and the Owner than the control of the country that the country th 88 members and the Opposi-tion 36, with three former Liberels sixting as indepen-

The Government's over-whelming win is probably an even more devastating blow to the Labour Party than its record victory two years ago. Both the coalition and the

Both the coalition and the Labour Party lost votes to the new centre narty, the Australian Democrats, who attracted \$2.3 per cent of the vote.

The Democrats' leader. Mr Don Chipp, a former Liberal, was elected to the Senate and another Senate sent may also go to his party. The Democrats will not, however, hold the balance of power in the Senate as was thought possible. The Government has retained its maintains in both Houses.

The Labour Party polled 40 per cent of the vote, as against 42.8 per cent in 1975. The Liberals had 38.3 per cent (41.8) and the National Country Party 9.7 per cent (41.8). The Australian Democrats with their Party 97- per cent (11.3). The Australian Democrats with their share of the vote proved their claim to be a new force in

politics.
Mr. Whitlam announced his intention to stand down when it became clear that his party had been soundly defeared.

Mr William Hayden, Labour's economic spokesman whom Mr Whitlam recently named as his

He is almost certain to win, since the other important Labour figure, Mr Robert Hawke, the party president and trade union leader, is ineligible because he is not a member of Parliament. Nevertheless urgent moves are being made to find Mr Hawke a sear and if one can be found he could be a

possibility for the leadership.

The election result could hardly be worse for the Labour Party. Two years ago Mr Whitlam's Government was thrown out, mainly because the electorate held it responsible for Australia's economic downway.

Two wears later unemployment Two years later, unemployment is up, national income is stagnant, and yet Mr Fraser been returned with a

While the coalition lost votes While the coalition lost votes to the Australian Democrats, so cid Labour. In unfavourable circumstances the Government has almost maintained the status quo in the lower House. All this suggests that Mr Whitlam, whatever his achievements in thep ast had become an electoral liability. After 25 years in Parliament, his exit from the leadership bordered

Mr Preser promised lest night that the reelected Government would seek to "reach our beyond the bounds of politics and unite all Australians in common purposes and objec-

The Prime Minister's only immediate problem, apart from the ever-increasing unemploy-ment figures, is to make a decision about the future of Mr Phillip Lynch, the former Treasurer who was forced to resign at the start of the cam-paign after accusations of profiteering.

Mr Fraser, who is 47, can now cleam to be as dominent a figure within the Liberal Party

The polisters have come out of the election well. All the polls predicted a Government win during the last two weeks, and all said the Australian Democrats would poll up to 10 per cent of the vote. Leading article, page 15

#### Three quit Plan to ease Turkey's debts of ruling party

From Our Correspondent . Ankara, Dec 11

The makings of a political crisis began in Turkey today with the resignation of three deputies from the ruling Justice Party announced as the nation voted in local elections.

The resignations leave the ruling coalition with a one-man majority in the 450-member National Assembly.

A spokesman from the Republican People's Party, the social democratic opposition led by Mr Bulent Ecovit, refused to comment apart from saying that the resignations appeared to be "a natural result of the contradictions and missing the state of the state dictions and misunderstandings rampant in the Government ".

Polling in the local elections was extremely low and not expected to be over 50 per cem. At least four people were killed in election eve violence. Two people were killed in Ozmancik, in northern Turkey, Cemencik, in northern lurkey, a 14-year-old boy was shot dead in the south-east town of Gaziantep and a woman by-trander died in a gun fight between rivals in a village near between border.

The south-east town of did the same the result could be an aid increase of almost 20 per cent—but costing the donors, only 0.02 per cent of their gross national product.

## Third World

Moves to write off some or all of the buge development aid debts of about \$200,000m (£117.600m) owed by the 45 poorest Third World states are gaining support at a meeting here of financial experts from industrialized narions.

Servicing the debts is absorb-Servicing the debts is absorbing about 25 per cent, far more
in some cases, of export earnings of countries such as India,
Kenya, Bangladesh, Sudan,
Ethiopia, Pakistan and Tanzania,
thus seriously handicapping
their development programmes. During the meeting, which ends on Friday, proposals are being drawn up for submission to a ministerial session of the Unctad trade and development board in March.

Sweden, Canada, The Nether-lands and Switzerland have already taken action to cancel or ease aid debts. It is estimated

## Janata Government to keep detention without trial

Delbi, Dec 11.

India's Januta Government, which you the elections on a platform promising to end detention without trial, has tabled a Bill continuing the

Official sources said the Government had bad second thoughts because of a continuing spate of sabourge and growing labour unrest.

The Bill proposes to scrap the based Maintenance of In-ternal Security Act employed by Mrs Gendhi during the state of emergency and replace it with a detention law similar to

that employed by the British The aim will be to "mini-mize the chances of abuse" by

the authorities. While keeping the powers of preventive detention intact, the new Bill proposes three safeguards.

There will be a more prompt judicial review; the authorities will be obliged to state the reasons for the detention (to avoid the indiscriminate arrests occurring during the emergency); and the duration of de-tention must be stated at the outset. Under the previous Act



Mr Sadat tells of his peace aims

From Charles Hargrove

Cairo, Dec 11 : President Sadet said in Cairo vesterday that he would pursue his personal initiative for peace in the Middle East to the bitter and. "Ler each assume his responsibilities before his own people, before the Arab nation, before the world, he said.

The Egyptian leader was being interviewed by French and foreign journalists, including myself, who were flown to Cairo by Europe Number One, the French radio station. The interview mok place at his country residence in the Nile delta just after Mr Sadat had met Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State.

The President said he wanted a global settlement, not a separate peace with Israel. But he made it quite clear that if the other Arab countries were not prepared to go along with him. he would negotiate a global settlement on his own.

Re said that when he had gone to Jerusalem, Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, had asked him to stay a day longer and conclude a separate peace. "I said no, for that is not my sim. And today, with Mr Vance, we agreed that the aim of the Caro conference in the minister in the minister of Jerusalem, yet, when he was in Moscow in 1972, they had suggested he meet Mrs Golda Meir, the then Prime Minister of Israel, in Tashkent. They had tried to blackmail Egypt over arms deliveries: "Relations could be restored if I agreed Russia

Prisoners of

manent peace.".

He had also agreed with Mr Vance that shortly after the Cairo conference, there would be a meeting of foreign minis-

be a meeting of foreign ministers.

President Sadat indicated that his objective was the reconvening of the Geneva peace conference, but it was obvious to us that he was not prepared to let the momentum of his visit to Jerusalem get lost in procedural sands or be scurifed by the obstruction of Russia, the hardline Arab states or the Palestinians.

He said they could icin the

He said they could join the new trail to peace which he had blazed and come to Cairo at any time, but they could not

He had borsh words for all of them. He said the Russians had accused him of "torpedo-

(which is due to begin on Wed should be our protector, but needay), and then of Geneva, that is something I will never is a global solution and per accept." Mr Sadat declared.

He said the hardline Arab He said the hardline Arab states and the Palestinians were "moved by hatred and ignorance". The Tripoli mecting last week in effect had cantelled the Arab strategy worked out at Rabat. The president added: "Now if Israel agrees to evacuate the occupied territordies, they [the hardline states] will refuse to endorse it. This puerile state endorse it. This puerile state of affairs is the sole result of the meeting presided over by that demented child Gaddafi" Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan

David Cross writes from Washington: President Carter will consider virtually anything to secure a Middle East settlement, including a personal peace mission if this proved necessary. But he has no immediate ing " peace in the Middle East plans to intervene personally in the current round of Middle

East deliberations.

Mr Carter revealed this to a group of visiting editors and television and radio news directors during a meeting last week. A transcript of his remarks was published here this

## Safer home urged for Acropolis caryatids From Mario Mediano

Athens, Dec 11

An international conference for the conservation of the Erechtheion, one of the three classical temples on the Acropolis of Athens, issued a solemn appeal to the Greek Government to take prompt action to free Athens from air pollution, one of the principal causes of decay in ancient monuments.

three days declared that the removal of the caryatids from the Erechtheion to a properly conditioned museum was "in-The conference which lasted dispensable and urgent in view of the extensive damage caused to them by the combined effect of pollutants and rain.

The statues would be rep-laced by copies in such a manner that the originals could be reinstated as soon as the cause of the damage could be erad-icated or the effect inhibited.

This operation would involve the dismantling of the upper part of the portion as well as of the western wall of the Erechtheion which is severely damaged as a result of the oxidation of the iron clarges used. dation of the iron clamps used in earlier restorations.

To achieve this with the least possible risk an exact replice of the Erechtheion is already being built in an open space next to Hadrian's library helow the Acropolis.

Dr George Dontas, the directur of the Acropolis said: "It will match stone for stone, clamp for clamp, crack for crack, in weight, shape and appearance, the original tem-ple. It will help us in verifying our static calculations, as well as in training the team that will dismantle and reassemble the porch of the caryatids and the walls. Each movement will be rehearsed a thousand times to eliminate the risk of

## could be effective unless action were taken to eliminate pollu-tion in the area of Athens.

It stated: "The participants make a solemn appeal to the Greek Covernment to initiate the study and the implemen-tation of all the legislative and procedural means needed to terminate a situation that endangers as much the health of the city's inhabitants as the safeguarding of an essential cultural beritage."

The Athens conference was artended by some 70 experts from Greece and 50 foreign specialists from 11 countries. The participants were archaeologists, architects, chemical engineers, and conservation experts.

The final text adopted at the meeting commended the detailed research and study carried out by the Acropolis Action Group, appointed by the Greek Government, as a model for future restoration work. It rejected the idea of protecting the carvatids inside a nitrogen-conditioned glass cage except as a very tempor-

ary measure. The meeting agreed that the iron clamps and brackets used by earlier restorers, which have become oxidized, causing cracks in the marble, should

be completely removed. How ever, the experts suggested that a further study of procedures was necessary.

The conclusions of the con-

ference will be submitted to the archaeological council whose recommendations will eventually influence the final decisions to be taken by Mr George Plytas, the Minister of Culture and Science.

Mr: Percy Stulz, the Director of Unesco's division for the cultural heritage, told the con-ference that the international appeal launched for the salvaerror." - tion of the Acropolis a year.

The conference declared that ago had so far yielded only some of its recommendations \$250,000 (£138,800).

## Police free dissidents after failing to halt Moscow vigil

an international Human Rights Day demonstration, dissident sources said today. Two campaigners were held

at Moscow police stations and at least 20 more were placed under house arrest yesterday, the dissidents said.

Among those under house arrest was Mr Georgy Valdimor, head of the Moscow branch of Amnesty International. He was

Moscow, Dec 11.—Soviet detained the same day us the authorities have released more than 20 dissidents detained in ceived the 1977 Nobel Peace an unsuccessful effort to block prize in Oslo.

Mrs Yelena Sakharov, wife of Dr Andrei Sakharov, the 1975 peace prize winner, told Western correspondents that all were released within hours of a silent vigil held last night in Pushkin Square.

About 20 dissidents stood with

bowed hea 's beneath the statue of Russia's greatest poet. Dr Sakharov did not join them—UPI.

### Ferry links up with Soviet space station

Moscow, Dec 11.-Two Soviet Moscow, Dec 11.—Iwo Soviet cosmonauts hugged each other in jubilation today after they succeeded in the second attempt to link a Soyuz ferry craft with the orbiting Salyut 6 space station. The first attempt last October failed.

Today's success coincided with the twentieth anniversary of the first Soviet sputnik satellite and the sixtieth anni-versary of the Bolshevik revo-

Lieurenant-Colonel Romanenko, the mission com-mander, and Mr Georgy Grechko, the engineer, homed in on Salyut on board their Soyuz 26 ferry, which was launched yesterday. "It was almost exemplary for such an important operation". Licu-tenant-General Vladimir Shatalov, the cosmonauts' training chief, said.

Soviet television showed plo-Soviet television showed ple-tures from a camera on the Salvat of Mr Grechko and Colonel Romanenko hugging each other in the orbiting Jaborotory. Mr Grechko was first on board. "Come on in here and show

yourself to the camera", he called to Colonel Romanenko. To carry out the operation the two cosmonauts took advantage of an innovation in the laboratory's design: an extra

docking port. Earlier Salyut models have had only one docking facility. A second appeared to mean that

Salyut 6 was intended as the centrepiece of a future threecraft ensemble, with Soyuz ferries docked at each end. Soviet scientists have olready

raised the prospect of building an orbital "space sausage" along these lines. One advantage would be that the first crew on board could rely on additional supplies from the second ferry and so extend their stay.
Part of the programme for
Colonel Romanenko and Mr
Grechho will be to test whether
the other docking port, which
apparently did not work

apparently did not work properly during the unsuccessful mission two mouths ago, can still be used

Tass said twin docking systems would make it possible to service Salvut stations using two ferry craft, but its report did not make clear whether this was the plan with Salyut 6.

General Shatalov told a television interviewer he was more nervous today than when he himself carried out a similar space link-up nearly nine years ago in Soyuz 4.

A basic aim of the Salvut venture has been research into the effects of prolonged weightless-

effects of prolonged weightless-ness, a problem that must be solved if man is to embark on oppose flights to other planets.

## Cairo to leave seats of boycott states empty



Hungary: Sandor Rudovics

By David Watts Mr Sandor Rudovics is in Szombathely prison, Hungary. His only crime is the illegal

His only crime is the inegal crossing of a frontier.

At the age of 13 he was sent to a reform school after trying to leave Hungary in 1963. After his release he mayied Miss Puroska Jurasits in 1971. He

worked as a trainee shoe crafts-men and his wife worked to help keep their baby daughter. Two years later the couple were divorced after living in a desperate financial situation. A few months later they were

Afraid to take their daughter with them, the couple crossed the border into Austria on the night of October 9, 1973. After reaching an Austrian refugee camp they were remarried and later had another child. Missing his first child. Mr.

Missing his first child. Mr Rudovics decided to risk returning to Hungary and arrempting to escape with her as before, but he was caught and jailed for two years.

On his release he took up his old job in the shoe factory in Szombathely, but was unhappy without his wife and son. So, on August 17 last year, he tried to leave Hungary again, but was arrested at Koszeg

said today that all arrange-ments for the Middle East peace talks here have been completed and the conference would open at 10,30 am on Wednesday at the Mena House

Mr Ghali said the seats of Mr Ghali said the seats of the nations and organizations which have said they would boycoxt the conference would be left vacant—an indication that Egypt hoped they would join the talks at a later stage. Only Israel the United Nations have accepted the Egyptian invitation for the meeting called to prepare for an overall settlement to be agreed at Geneva.

Geneva.

The Sevier Union, Syria, Lebanon and the Palestine Liberation Organization said they would not participate in the Cairo talks. Jordan has made its presence conditional on the participation of all the participation of all the

parties.

Mr. Ghali said the negotia-tions would be conducted across a round-table. Foreign Ministry officials

of the Palestinians would carry
the rag of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) or
simply be kabelled Palestionans."... as a compromise to
liraeli objections to PLO repre-

The opening session will be public and will last about half an hour. .. Beirnt: A PLO leader today called for violence in response to President Sadar's peace overtures, to Israel. He said the Arabs should strengthen their links with the Soviet Union and other communist countries.

Mr Salah Khedef, better
known by his codename Abu
lyad, and the number two man
in Al Fatah after Mr Yassir
Arafar, told the leftist Beriut

newspaper As-Safa that the revolutionary masses should use all kinds of revolutionary violence until the revisionists get scared.".
He added: "We have to deepen in sincere strategy our hinks, to the socialist camp by tying our destiny to theirs. Our Soviet friends should feel we are serious this time."-UPI.

#### Korchnoi takes 5-2 lead over Spassky

Belgrade, Dec 11.—Boris Spassky resigned his adjourned seventh chess game against Viktor Korchnoi after only seven further moves last night. Korchnoi now leads 5-2 in

the 20-game match to decide who will challenge Anatoly Karpov. the world champion. Korchnoi was a pawn up at the adjournment after surprising his opponent with an unusual eleventh move and later shattering his position with a temporary rook sacrifice. These were the moves of the game :

#### Mr Odinga is arrested at tribal meeting From Our Correspondent Nairobi, Dec 11

Nairobi. Dec 11
Mr. Oginea Odioga, Vine-President of Kenya from 1964 to 1966, who was detained from 1969 to 1971 after his opposition party had been banned, was, arrested at a meeting of a tribal welfare association here this weekend.

tribal welfare association here this weekend.

He was taken to the central police station with 17 others present at the meeting, which had been called to raise funds for some schools in his Luo tribal area of western Kenya. Most of them were released several hours later but Mr Odinga and another man remained in custody overnight. It was the second time this mouth that Mr Odinga had been prevented from addressing a meeting in Nairobi. Police ordered a dance at which he was speaking, to close last

#### Malaysian air crash flight recorder found

Kusla Lumpur. Dec 11.— Experts investigating the crash of a hijacked Malaysian airlinet. in which all 100 people on board were killed, have recovered the flight data recorder.
The police said the recorder was found in undergrowth near

the swamps where the Malay-sian Airlines System Boeing 737 crashed last Sunday

The search is continuing for another device which records all voice transmissions inside the cockpit and with airport control towers.-Reuter.

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## India-Nepal treaties expected soon arises from its situation along and Social Democrat, who is the Himalayan "wall" adjoindetained here and awaiting trial on treason charges. He said

From Richard Wigg Satmendu, Dec 11 Mr Desei, the Indian Prime

Minister, said today that he ex-pects India and Nepal to sign two separate treaties very soon, gaverning transit and bilateral made matters. He was speaking at the end of a two-day official goodwill visit here. Officials of both countries are

to meet in the next few weeks "ert as which are already in It seems that Mr Desai's talks with King Birendra and Nenalese ministers have given a political push to help overcome the deep rooted suspicions the Nenalese feel at their economic

dependence on their powerful neithbour. For more than a decade Nepal agreement on trade from a treaty which would recognize its right of access to the sea and so help expand its trade with third countries.

Several of the world's least developed countries are land-locked, but Nopal's problem

In return for Indian move-

ment on Nepal's freedom of transit both sides have agreed that effective measures must be established to control smuggling their virtually open

Air Desai emphasized that while India supported Nepal's efforts to diversify its economic links, a way must be found so that such trade did not harm the other country's interests. The Indians have followed up King Birendra's proposal for a joint development of Nepal's vast hydroelectric potential.

It was agreed that a start should be made on a hydro-electric project in west Nepal which is estimated to cost about £200m over 15 years and India has aftirmed its intention of hydrog curplus power. huying surplus power. Mr Desai told reporters nothing had been said in their talks about Mr. B. P. Koirala, the former Nepalese Prime Minister

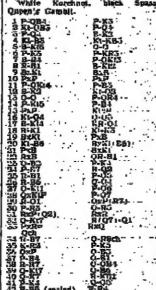
on treason charges. He said India would not interfere in Nepal's internal affairs.

But Lord Avebury, the British

Liberal peer who is on a visit here, declared yesterday that "human rights are not a luxury which can be afforded only by the rich nations". He was speak ing at a small gathering orga-nized by word of mouth by the Nepal branch of Amnesty

There were many students at the meeting which was held in a field after the organizers said permission to hold it in a pub-tic hall bad been refused Lord Avebury praised those

Lord Ayebury praised those men and women who were courageous enough to protest against violation of fellow human beings' rights. He gave a warning that if a people docilely accepted such a state of affairs governments would be helped to refuse to respond to international pressure from bodies like Ammesty Interbodies like Amnesty Inter-



## LargGouriet limitation on powers of local authorities

nam Court, Kent, to discharge an injunction obtained against him by the plaintiffs, Kent Councy Council, to prevent his contravention of tree preservation orders. His Lordship also refused hir Batchelor's application that committal proceedings brought by the council against him for alleged breach of the injunction should not proceed.

not proceed.
Section 222 of the Local Government Act 1972, provides: "(1)
Where a local authority consider it where a local authority consider it expedient for the promotion or protection of the interests of the inhabitants of their area—(a) they may prosecute or defend or appear in may legal proceedings and, in the case of civil proceedings, may institute them in their own name..." 

T Batchelor.

MR JUSTICE TALBOT said Mr Batchelor.

MR JUSTICE TALBOT said that tree preservation orders were made in respect of woodland on Mr Batchelor's farm, In April, 1976, the council were granted an injunction to restrain him from cutting down, uprooting, topping, lopping or otherwise damaging or destroying trees which were the subject of the orders, and in June, 1976, an order was made committing him to prison for breach of the injunction. He was granted bail pending appeal, and the committal order was quashed by the Court of Appeal on the ground that there was insufficient evidence to show that he had been in breach of the injunction. The present motion to commit was based on an affleged breach of the injunction in July, 1977. Before the motion proceeded Mr Newman applied to have the injunction disthe injunction in July, 1977. Before the motion proceeded Mr Newman applied to have the injunction discharged. He submitted, farst, that there had been no junisdiction to grant an injunction because the council had no locus stands in that the proceedings should have been the relator of the council; secondly, that even if the council; secondly, that if the injunction and the power to make such an order it could only have made it on the same grounds as if the Artorney General had been a party; and, thirdly, that if the injunction was valid there should be no committed to prison until criminal proceedings had been taken in the appropriate count.

The Court of Appeal had

expose Mr Bahcheber to a greater pensity that that laid down in the Act.

Mr Newman's principal submission was that Gouriet v Union of Post Office Workers (1977) a WLR 300) had clarified the law so that now it could be seen that a local authority's powers under section 222 were limited, and even if the authority in the present case had the right to bring its claim under section 222, nevertheless its powers were limited in the same way as those of the Attorney General were limited. With regard to section 222, Viscount Difficorne said at page 326; " . . it is the law . . that save and in so far as section 222, sives local authorities a limited power so to do, only the Attorney General can sue on behalf of the public for the purpose of preventing public wrongs.

Basing his argument on the Gouriet principle, Mr Newman aubmitted that his Lordship had aiready dealt with his reasons for not accepting that submission. However, the argument was of some force in support of the submission that the local authority could do no more than could the Attorney General. As to the limitation of the Attorney General has successfully sought an injunction to restrain the commission of criminal acts is where the penalties imposed for the offence have proved wholly inadequate to deter its commission. . . I do not wish to suggest that the cases in which the Attorney General has successfully sought an injunction to restrain the commission of criminal acts is where the penalties imposed for the offence have proved wholly inadequate to deter its commission of the Attorney General has successfully sought an injunction at the instance of the Attorney General but they, I think, serve to show that the exercise of the Attorney General but they, I think, serve to show that the exercise of the Attorney General but they of the Attorney General but they. I think, serve to show that the exercise of the Attorney General but they of the Attorney General

Diplock.

Mr Newman argued that in that the council was seeking to prevent the commission of a crime under section 102 of the 1971 Act it could only do so if the crime was

Refore Mr Justice Talbot
[Judgment delivered December 5]

A local authority has locus stand to seek an injunction in its own name to prevent breach of a tree preservation order, and its power to take such action is not limited in the same way as is the power of the Attorney General when seeking an injunction to prevent the commission of a criminal offence.

His Lordship so held in refusing an application by Mr Rubert Dorrington Batchelor, of Thurning an application by Mr Rubert Dorrington Batchelor, of Thurning an application by Mr Rubert Dorrington Batchelor, of Thurning Mr Newman drew strenging to the plantiffs, Kent County Council, to prevent the commission of its creep reservation order. It was not correct model that there was no injunction obtained against him by the plantiffs, Kent County Council, to prevent his contravence. His Lordship also refused orders. His Lordship also refused orders. His Lordship should be discharged orders. The council had duties to be noted that there was no penalty of imprisonment, and Mr Newman as submission of matural beauty were to the injunction should be discovered as a to the noted that there was no penalty of imprisonment, and Mr Newman's principal submission of actions of the injunction should be discovered as a to the noted that there was no penalty of imprisonment, and Mr Newman as submission of more preserved and enforced. It was not fost a case of taking action for a criminal offence; it was a section 222 to the Examples were Solibull matural proceedings in their own and country Amendises Act, 1971, as amended by section 102 of the Town and Country Planting Acts to prevent the council was seeking only to prevent the council was seeking only to prevent the council was seeking only to prevent the country was not fine tree preservation orders. It was not correct to look upon the matural beauty was not fine tree preservation orders. It was not fort a case of taking action for a criminal offence; it was a seeking or the council was seeking only to prevent the country was the matter as if the council was seeking only to prevent Mr Batchelor from commuting further breaches of the tree preservation orders. The council had duties under the Town and Country Planning Acts to profect areas of natural beauty. It fulfilled that duty by making the relevant tree preservation orders, but its duties did not stop at making the orders. If areas of natural beauty were to be preserved and enforced. It was not just a case of taking action for a criminal offence; it was a case of preserving areas of natural beauty.

case of preserving areas of natural beauty.

His Lordship did not therefore accept that the effect of Gouriet's case was so to limit the powers of a local anthority under section 222 as argued by Mr Newman. The limitation which lay on a local authority in the use of its powers under section 222 was that it must use them for the protection of the

authority in the use of its powers under section 222 was that it must use them for the protection of the interests of inhabitants of its area. The words of that section were wide enough to give the council the power to take proceedings to protect the interests of inhabitants in cases of infringement of tree preservation orders.

Mr Newman further submitted that the proceedings should have been adjourned; there was no ungency to proceed, and it would be prejudical to Mr Batchelor in fature proceedings were matters to go forward. He referred to Lord Fraser's words in Gouriet, at page 350; "In a case that attracts publicity, punishment for breach of interdict might prejudical easibacquent fury trial.

There are thus powerful reasons of a procedural nature for keeping injunctions against criminal conduct as subsequent invertable.

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must proceed.
Solicitors: Sharpe, Prichard & Co for Mr W. G. Hopkin, Mardstone; Hallett & Co, Ashfurd.

## Bank's fiduciary liability

was under a fiduciary duty towards the plaintiffs in respect of a trust account opened by the bank after their grandmother. Mrs Christina Offey Matthews, had handed across the counter four undated cheques in their favour expressly to be placed on deposit for each of the plaintiffs, who were minors at the material time and were not parties of the grandmother's transactions. material time and were not parties to the grandmother's transactions. His Lordship was giving judgment in proceedings brought against the bank by four of her grandchildren, hirs Fenelope Jame Rowlandson, Mr Michael Peter Matthews, Miss Sarah Manthews and Mr Roderkic Manthews, by his father and next friend. Mr Michael David Matthews.

Matthews.

Mr Edward Grayson for the plaintiffs; Mr Patrick Sinclair for plaintiffs; Mr Parick Sinclair for the bank.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the plaintiffs, four brothers and sisters, all minors at the most material time and one was still a minor, were suing the National Westminster Bank for £500 each (£2,000 in all) unquestionably given to it by their grandwother and which unquestionably went HIS LORDSHIP said that the plaintiffs, four brothers and sisters. all minors at the most material time and one was still a minor, were suing the National Westminster Bank for E500 each (£2,000 in ail) unquestionably the minor and which unquestionably wert and which unquestionably wert astray. The only question was whether they could recover all or part of the money from the bank.

In July, 1967, the arandmother, mar Matthews, was faced with a health and surgical crisis, which left no her death on July 27. She was minded to give £500 to each of her younger sons. Aluthony Arthur Matthews and Eles James Matthews, and to each of her minded the produced the plaintiffs, being the children of her eidest son, Michael David Matthews. It seemed likely that Michael was left out because her previous generousty to him had put almouthed the plaintiffs, being the children of her single drawn four undeted cheques in favour of Michaels David Matthews was and Roderick, Mrs. Matthews went with her son Michael, Sarah and Roderick, Mrs. Matthews went with her son Michael of the bank's Curzon Street branch, and a put of the count of the account, it was not inconsistent with his instructions and head no resoon to be suspicious either of Anthony, or of Gles and Amboury to the children beneficiaries at a "yrust a/c". Whether or not Mrs Matthews to the children beneficiaries at a "yrust a/c". Whether or not Mrs Matthews went with her son Matchael was left out because her beauch and Roderick, Mrs. Matthews went with her son Matchael was left out because her branch and Roderick, Mrs. Matthews went four undeted the plaintiffs, being the four the same and Roderick, Mrs. Matthews well known, on Friday, July 14, at between 2 and 3 pm. She said to the person behind the counter words to the eftect that "This is minimal properties of the account, the death.

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Rowlandson and Others v
National Westminster Bank Ltd
Before Mr John Mills, QC, sitting
as a deputy judge of the Charcery
Division
[Judgment delivered November 25]
His Lordship held that the
National Westminster Bank Ltd
was under a fiduciary duty towards
the plaintiffs in respect of a trust

years later, to 2 case lasting over 12 days.

The cheque forms were crossed, but not specially. Undated by Mrs. Motthews, they were subsequently date stamped in green ink. "17 July 1967", and when met by the Claygate paying branch were perforated with the date "18.7.67". The four documents were never issued as cheques, or got into the hands of any payed or holder in due comme or otherwise. On Tuesday, July 18, they were credited to a newly opened account, No 454608, its record or coutrol card showing that it was opened in the manne of the children's uncles "Anthony Arthur. Matthews Esq and Glies James Matthews and others." On the back of the card the manne of the criteriate account was designated "Trust a/c.". No direct mandate existed.

ang a sorged transfer, purporting so be signed by Penelope. A dishonest and fradulent design there clearly was, but his Lordship wished to make clear that he made no finding against Gles.

His Lordship held that though here hawhere's known to give was initially not enough to perfect the gifts, they were prefected ultimately on the principle of the line of cases from Strong v Bird ([1874] LR 18 Eq 315) to In re Vandervell's Trusts (No 2) ([1974] Ch 269). That was so whether or not hirs Matthews might have found fault with the account into which the cheques were placed, and whether or not Andrew and Glies might have refused to act as trustees, because equity never let a trust fail for want of a trustee.

His Lordship further held that no express trust binding on the bank could be spek out of the facts in the present case. The bank was simply functioning as lanker or agent for Mrs Matthews. His Lordship accepted that a bank given trust moneys could become a constructive trustees when it took them with notice or voluntarily, but in the present case the money was not trust money before it came into account No 454608. Before that there was no constructive trust either of the debt owed by the bank as bankers, or of any chose in action.

However, account No 454608 was a "rust 3/c", as those words were used in the law of banking, and his Lordship found that the bank had come under a Educitary drivy owed to the plaintiffs. After referring to Paget's Law of Banking (8th ed. p 88) and various cases including Karak Rubber Co or Burden ([1972] 1 WLR 602), his Lordship concluded, applying that case, that the checks and drawing of the circum No 454608 and its Lordship concluded, applying that case and constituted a reason for the bank to hive questioned or prevented the withdrawal of £470 14s on November 24 was a fortior, fine bank to be highly and of fines things. The withdrawal of £470 14s on November 24 was a fortior,

duty to the plaintiffs to do one or other or even both of those things. The withdrawal of £470 14s on November 24 was a fortiori, fraudulent and dishonest. The plaintiffs' claim therefore succeeded and they could recover the money.

Solicitors: Gasquet, Metcalfe & Walton; Wilde Sapte & Co.

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Church news

Latest appointments: The Rev R. K. Sledge. Rector of the Bronfield Team Ministry and Rural Dean of Chesterfield, diocess of Derby. to be Architecon of Huntingdon. Diocese of Durham

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The Rev E. Lewis, of Sumon and Chusburn Bapitst churches, to serve a retirement pastorate at Walliam Cross Bapitst Church. referement pastorate at Wannam Gross
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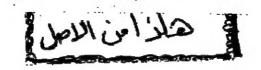
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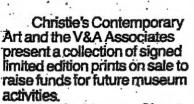
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Barnet College.

John Sichel's production was a part professional, part amateur affair, with all the switchbacks of quality you would expect; but it was an inceresting piece-of work by any standard. Built round the group's most forceful actor, Richard Mayes, the production shifts the class relationship between Vershinin and the Prozorov family. Vershinin becomes a rugged, sexless old ranker, on his guard from the start against the other officers, and inflexibly hostile towards the Baron. "I" he says pointedly, "did not go to the military academy", driving the soub home with a turned back. The girls, on the other hand, are exposed as languidly affected creatures of their class, hopelessly cleaving to this tough outsider, when they run into trouble: in short, the same pattern as that of Lopakhin and the Ranevsky household in The Cherry Orchard. Innovation apart, traditional Chekhov was well served in performances like James Maguire's gently officious Kuligin and Robert Ricards's Byronic Solyony. : John Sichel's production was We shall be hearing more of the company in 1978, with pro-ductions of Feydeau and a locally discovered Restoration.

The Men who Made the Movies

Stanley Reynolds

BBC 2

Richard Schickel, the author and critic, who writes, directs, and produces The Men who Made the Movies series for National Education Television, which is America's answer to BBC 2, should for his own protection be better known in Britain. At least he should not be known merely as the man who does The Men who Made the Movies. The BBC for a few years now has been using the the Movies. The BBC for a few years now has been using the series to kick off strings, of old films. It makes Mr Schickel appear like vet another one of those stereotype, heavily dramatic American voices, full of wind and pretention, and Mr Schickel is a good critic and writer.

writer.

But with Vincente Minnelli
on Saturday night Mr Schickel
opened with some bizarre
notion that the director of all. those fantastical musicals at MGM was somehow like Gustav Flaubert: a realist who knew the dangers of fantasy. Indeed, the dangers of fantasy. Indeed, Vincente Minnelli, a lover of French culture, did direct Madame Bovary as well; but once Mr Schickel got himself into the right of the argument he seemed unable to climb out. Because of this the good fun, for example, of Fred Astaire and Jack Buchanan singing That's Entertainment? "That's Entertainment"
(where a ghost and a prince meet/ and everything ends in mincemeat) or even Judy Garlaid, at her best, singing the Trolley Song from Meet. Me in

Irolley Song from Meet Me in St Louis had to have the leaden weights of Mr Schickel's essay on the social significance of Vincente Minnelli anached to them; leaden weights do not become the nimble tread of the feet of Ered Attairs

Fred Astaire: Mr Minnelli is apparently a shy man, but when he did get the chance to speak for himself be was amusing and enlighten-

After the documentary viewers saw Some Came Running, an appalling motion picture, made somehow glorious not by Mr Minnelli's dancing camera but by the straight, no-singing acting of Frank Sinarra, Shirley MacLaine, and especially Dean

## Stupendous Triumphs

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An exhibition consisting of only eight paintings sounds like a very modest affair but when it is arranged by David when it is arranged by David Carritt larger expectations are naturally aroused. Mr Carritt is one of the few art experts whose name means something outside the condines of the world of muscum curators, collectors and dealers; he is the man who, found the beautiful Tiepolo cailing (now in the National Gallery) in the Egyptian. Embassy in London, exactly where all the books said it ought to be, and more recardly he has announced that a picture lie acquired at the Mentmore sale as by Carle van Loo, is in fact an early, documented work by his pupil Jean-Honore Fragonard.

He has just opened the first

meaned work by his pupil Jean-Honoré Fragonard.

He has just opened the first floor of his premises in Duke Street, St. James's, as a public gallery, and his first exhibition, which continues until December 20, consists of three works by Domenico Festi and five by Alessandro Magnasco, both highly individual artists opposed to the smooth, classical tradition of Bologna and Rome, Festi was novertheless both (c 1589) in Rome, sindying under Ludovico Cigoli, a Florentine who worlded in a sound if unexciting High Renaissance manner, the most important influences on the young painter came, however, from elsewhers, namely the Carquaggisti. (the followers of Michelangelo da Merisi known as if Carquaggio) and from the German landscape painter Adam Elsheimer, who spent the last 10 years of his life in Rome, dying there in the same year as Caravaggio. 1610. Three years later Ferti moved to Mantia, whose ruler, Duke Ferdinando Gonzasa, owned one of the finest collections in Europe, soon to be acquired by the Duke of Buckingham on behalf of Charles I. Its greatest treasures were the masterpieces by Venetians, especially. Titian, and by Rubens, who had been the previous Duke's largely absentee court-painter.

Tre must have been Titian's famous series of Roman Emperors that inspired the two monumental half-length figures of Poets in this exhibition: the colouring is richly sombre, the technique, loaded and sensual, and alchough their precise identification is unsure they are compelling images that seem almost too strong for the relatively small room in which they hang. The third work, on the other hand, is perfectly in scale, an exquisite little panel depicting The Parable of the Treasure hidden in a Field, painted towards the end of Fettl's brief career, in Venice, whither he moved about 1618, dying there four years later. In it he recalls the small-scale figure compositions of court-painter. figure compositions of Eisheimes, although the knds-cape background is very Venetian and the treatment of the trees is reminiscent of Giorgione.

gione. The other painter, Alessandro Maguasco, is more idiosyncratic, specializing in scenes of inquisitorial torture, religious inquisitorial torture, religious flous compositions for the solfrenzy and bacchanalian abandier-collector, General Arese,
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Barry Millington

Saturday night's Britten Commemorative Concert. at St John's was devoted fittingly to works of Britten himself and of his idol Mozart, who also gave his name to the ensemble concerued. If Mosart's symphony No 5 in B flat K22, seemed to rely unduly on formula and convention, the composer, only nine at the rime, may perhaps be excused. The New Mozart Orchestra under Clive Fairbairn did, however, project it with youthful energy and high spirits. Britten's Simple Symphony, likewise a juvenile offering—in this case the composer was a more buman 20-vear-old—exposed a few weaknesses in the orchestra's string playing even though the first genuine passion of the evening was not called for until later on in that work, the Sentimental Saraband. A the Sentimental Saraband. A part of the audience, anxious to

New Mozart Orchestra

St John's rassing silence that had followed the Mozart, jumped the gun and burst into applause after the saraband without waiting for the Evolicione finale.

Borromeo's friend il Morus-

Before 1698 Magnasco was

working with Spera on ambi-

Brian Burrows proved a sympathetic interpreter of the eight poets, whose work makes up Britten's Nocturne; the instrumental solps fell to some distinguished players, the wind and percussion sections of the New Mozart Orchestra containing some familiar faces. Mr. Burrows was impressive both in such passages as the Wordsworth Prelude extract, with its building uneased and climax of horror, and in his floating of the long melodic lines in the harplong melodic lines in the harp-accompanied Coleridge setting.

accompanied Coleridge setting.

Clive Fairbairn's thrusting yet thoughtful direction of Mozare's symphony No 40 in G minor was most enjoyable. His burtling 'one-in-a-bar Minuet would have sent sprawfing any courrier foolish enough to attempt dancing to it, but it was convincing as well in its accompanion of the movement's tense nature (highlighting the tense nature (highlighting the cross-accents, for example) as in the lighter Trio.

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Magnasco and Spera: The Triumph of Ariadne (detail)

research, there can be none about the pictures themselves, which are quite simply stupendous.

The other three are correctly described us late works, the Saint Anthony preaching to the Fishes exhibiting what is apply described as "dramatic turbulence of theme as well as brushwork", whereas The Tame Magpie is surprisingly bright in colouring and wrought to an unusually high degree of "finish". The most interesting of all is another one is a rare and real treat.

The Taming of the Shrew Covent Garden

John Percival There were moments at the beginning of The Taming of the Shrew on Friday when I feared that Lesley Collier, new to the title part at Covent Garden might show too much relish for her ractions. But she soon got her smile under control saving it winningly for the yielding moments and conveving a marvellous fractiousness else-where. She headed a cast that was largely new and almost wholly admirable.

Collier's is a highly intelligent reading of the role, apparent not only in the clever improvi-sation with which she disembar-rassed herself of a whole cooked chicken accidentally left tying in what should have been her starving footsteps, but also in the way her eyes let you know what the character is thinking. Aun Jenner makes a credible sister to her providing a better

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Stephen Jefferies brings a fine bully-boy swagger to Perruchio but makes the part more rewarding by letting it be seen, through the wariness with which he first tackles Kate, that the bluster is at least partly put on. That hint of underlying put on. That hint of underlying seriousness does not prevent touches of very naughty humour, especially in the way his curled-up toes suggest delicious dreams after he has been stripped and left lying drunk

vinegar to turn Bianca's usual

sugariness into a sweet and sour

That couple were made funnier and sexier than before by new performers Sandra Conley and Sally Ashby. Bianca's suitors were a notably eccen-tric, woebegone trio with Derek Deane transferring to Beagley coming in as Horten-Lucentio, Wayne Sleep replac-ing him as Gremio and Stephen sio, all of them providing much droll detail. There were bril-liant moments of acrobatic dancing, too, from the ensemble in the carnival scene, masked

#### Good Lord Protector Jeffery Daniels

#### Oliver Cromwell

By Roger Howell (Hutchinson, £4.50) obo Hampden was once asked Jobn Hampden was once asked for his opinion about a fellow member of the Long Parliament. He replied: "That slovenly fellow which you see before us, who hath no ornament in his speech: I say that sloven if we should come to have a breach with the king (which God forbid) in such case will be one of the greatest case will be one of the greatest men ia England." He was re-

ferring to his cousin, Oliver

Cromwell.

To Englishmen Cromwell is their only republican head of state, their only ruler drawn from the heart of provincial England. And he reflects back to them their own inner conflicts and contradictions, qualities, which trouble and bewilder the foreigner, the could der the foreigner. He could display that marvellous combination of humility with arrogant self-certainty; the relucgant self-certainty; the reluctance to take power mingled
with the delight in its exercise; a deep religious faith
nicely blended with a selfregarding altruism.
Roger Howell is an American scholar of the younger
generation who, in the compass
of some 250 pages, provides
numerous insights into Cromwell's personality, objectives
and achievements. Diplomacy
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gets rather brief consideration. out his actions in Ireland, are but his actions in Ireland, are justly assessed in their immediate and long-term affects. In matters of faith, government and politics the author manages to say fresh and illuminating things, well supported by apt quotations and presented in a most readable form; and he is narricularly form; and he is particularly good in his account of Crom-well's genius as a soldier.

we never tose sight of Cram-well the man antidst the absorbing stery of the drama-tic episodes of his career. I'm family was constantly in our mind, as was the constraying from which he come and 19 which so he said, he larged to recorn. But driven forward in return. But driven forward in the belief that he had a mision from God, he may we'll have been the prisoner of his illusion of spiritual grandeur. An opponent described one of his speeches as "an audacion, ambitious, and hypocritical initiation of Muses"; but he way much more complex than any

MONDAY BOOK

Cronwell was caught up in a paradox. He came to power not by election but by force yet be tried to establish government by consent through the exercise of force. Although a conmitted putitan he was well ahead of his contemporaries in his advance towards toler-ation; and in this and other ways he alienated many of his supporters and reduced thereby the siender parliamentary resources at his disposal. As Napoleon once said of him:elf, he was reared in the camp not on the throne; and there was no assured historic or constitutional base to his authority.

imitator.

A success in war, a failure peace, he deserved also to be remembered for his speeches and letters. It is true that he could present turgid, introspective accounts of his close relationship with the Almighty. But, at his best, he was master of a direct, lucia and moving prose which carries down to be subset of the ries down to us echoes of the rich cadences of the Flizabe-than world into which he was

Friday's concert was need of the latter kind. It begins

with Hayan's Symphony No 95, performed with fair spruceness

performed with fair spruceness but now and ther; marred by such things as a little cello solo which went wrong. Then Barry Tuckwell came on to the platform to play Streuss's first horn concerto, which he began with a grand kind of joyousness; I was reminded of The Mastersingers. In the second and third movement; however, his flair gradually ebbed. Perhans the feeling of routine in the orchestral playing got to him.

After the interval we heard

After the interval we heard Delius's "Two Aquarelles", which are far more effective as choral songs, whether or not they are "sung of a summer night on the water" and finally because first expensed. I liked

Brahms's first serenade. I liked

Joel Hurstfield

#### Wren Orchestra/Snell Queen Elizabeth Hall

Paul Griffiths

The Wren Orchestra is a curious institution. Supported by a local radio station (Capital Radio) and drawing players from a pool of floating musical talent in London, it is an ensemble without any special conviction, whether of style or of repertory. Its conductor, the former trumpeter Howard former trumpeter Howard Snell, is a good musician, but after hearing two of his con-certs with the Wren I begin to doubt if he has anything very exceptional to give from the

podium.

As for the orchestra's programmes, they follow the paths well trodden by such groups as the English Chamber Orchestra and the Academy of St Martinin-the-Fields, except for such events as a forthcoming coacert of "music for the films" which it is promised will include the complete performance of Grieg's piano concerto.

A braying ass tramples upon the prostrate figure of Painting, a black pig usurps the throne of earthly power white another admires itself in a looking glass and a third is fed tithits by an army officer in a scarlet coat and feathered prices seated at the foot of attended by an aged gran sig-nore, a young cleric and a fop who is a mear relative of the young Earl in Hogorth's Mar-riage à la Mode series, and indeed it is suggested that Magnasco may well have seen

Jones Cantata Swansea

Kenneth Loveland

The first and last stages are effectively expressed. I Love the Jocund Dance gives Dr Jones a chance to bring off one of those brillian: scherzos that regularly enliven his writing, and Hear the Voice of the Bard at the close climbs up to an apotheosis that creates exactly the musical impression of Blake's philo-

the amiable dancing step of the performance and the warm textures, even if slightly stag-gered entries did once or twice place those in question. Per-haps, in being genial, but not essential, the work was one that peculiarly sulted the

The poetry of the Brecon mystic, George Herbert, evoked from Daniel Jones in 1951 a well wrought cantain, The Country Beyond the Stars, which still represents him at his most fluent and communicative. For his BBC Wales silver jubilee commission he has again turned to a mystic, this time William Blake.

The result, Hear the Voice of the Ancient Bard, a choral suite heard at Swansea on Friday, goes some way towards repeating the success of its predecessor, but fails to achieve its purpose at the centre, the very point where relationship beween words and music is most The composer seeks to reflect

the three plateaux of Blake's world as he sees, it, involving the passage from the super-ficially beautiful to disillusionment, thence to the rejection of false values and the realization of higher attainment.

sophy for which the composer

But the central and longest section does not suggest the disillusionment essential to Dr Jones's pattern because the music suddenly loses character and is no more than distantly in touch with poems such as O rose thou art sick, and The Clod and the Pebble.

Throughout, the writing does not suggest that stylistically Dr Jones has moved very far since The Country Beyond the Stars, although we know several orchestral works in the years between that deny this. Regu-larly the music takes on the kind of visionary idealism that composers of two generations ago called up for Walt Whitman. However, the practica-bility of the writing and its directness of approach should earn for the suite many friends among choral societies.

The work was conscientiously performed by the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra and Choral Society, conducted by Gunter Herbig, whose short visit to Wales is showing the excellence of which under the best the consideration of the consideration o tra is capable under the best

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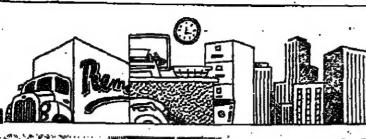
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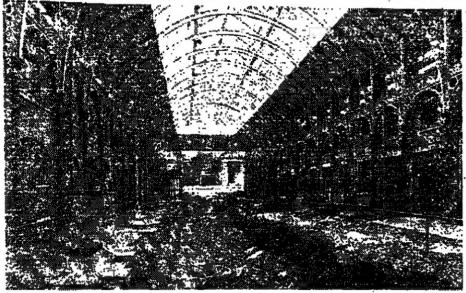
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## Mrs King begins new chapter in a book that was ready for printing

inaugural Bremar Cup tournament, which serves vanguard for the plauned ean extension of the uning of an anti-chinax at Crystal Palace, vesterday. The arona was almost packed to capacity, which indicated that the public had finally realized something special was happening. But the singles fibal, which had aroused great expectations, was a brief and mostly disappointing spectacle. Billie Ican Klun took poly 67

Billle Jcan King took only 67 inutes to beat Virginia Wade, the Imbledon champion, by 6—3, —1. Except for a flurry of constrated energy that won her our games out of five in the iddle of the match. Miss Wade ayed as though her 1977 schedule of lasted a day too long. By contrast Mrs King spent such of the year convalescing and nch of the year convalescing and building her muscular strength her the latest in a series of herations that make one wonder w much surgical excavation one man's knees can stand. She nan's knees can spool. She been beaten only once in her 30 singles matches, and has fessed that every time she coes horrowed time—that every 's tennis is a bonus. As never ore, the has been appreciating simple joy of running. She yesterday: "It's the greatest

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## The buoyant Polland plots his course to Waterville in style-

Manila. Dec 11

Spain retained the World Cup at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club here today, but only after many anxious mements through the final round. The champions. Severano Ballestero, and Anton'o Garrido, reoleczyly on 'edge, lost their three-stroke overraget lend to the Canadians through the turn and then, late in the day, fought off a flurry from their playing partners, Japan, Railly to coast helps three strokes clear of the Philippings. The Individual award 'vent to

The Ireland fram were followed-by Scotland, in 18th place, and England and Wales joints in 18th place. Individually, Dorcy finished, joint 11th, Brian Barnes, joint 30th, Peter Dawson equal 34th, Craig Defoy level 37th, David Vaughan, level 43rd and Nicholas Faldo and Ken Beyon shared 44th position. Inall, it was not much of a home untry showing, apart from the spurt from Treland.

dry as usual—not surprisingly, as the Philippine Air Force had seeded in the cloudy skies surnding Montla te draw away the the Spaniards soon

in close to the flat for an eagle. Canada, as though paralyzed by the explosion of applause, moments later drouped two strokes on the

#### Final team and individual totals

Garrido, much as did Manuel Pinero inst year in California, steadied the pyrotochnic Balle-steros through the unsettled pater-where Spain slumped behind Canada.

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Squash rackets ...

#### Miss Lawes wilts | Sponsorship will before she scrapes into final

Teresa Lawes, of Beckenham, a 29-year-old GLC clerical officer, scraped into the final of the British women's championship, at

## Talbot is one degree too much for Wilks

do little against a flow of power-ful hits from the base-line which first manocurred her out of position until Mrs Gilks was ready

minutes 40 seconds by one watch and Mrs Gilks lost only three

unchallenged. She and Anne Start (Hampshire) heat Barbara Sutton (Startfordshire) and Jane Webster (Sutfolk) 15-4, 13-1 in the comen's doubles final with a magnificent exhibition of hittingheth at long-ronge and close to the net. For the selectors the enestidedness of the match gave them little help in their Uher Cupplanning. Mrs Perry and Michael Tredgett (Gloncestershire) retained the mixed doubles title.

Tredgett also successfully

rained the mixed doubles title.

Treductt also successfully defended the men's doubles title that he and Ray Stevens (Exser) won last year. They beat Eddie Sutton (Sinffordshire) and Talbot 15-2. 15-12 in what was often an unexpectedly fast and hardfought contest. Stevens showed faw signs of the aukle trouble which stopped him from defending his singles title. He and Tredgett. as always, combined well and overtame opponents who were both feeling unwell. Sutton has been fighting influence all week.

By Richard Streeton

The gap which exists in English badminton between the leading players and the rest was heavily underlined at the harional Cham-nionships in Comments in the control of the underlined at the National Cham-pionships in Coventry vesterdoy. Derek Talbot (Northumberland), who had to struggle with a heavy cold,, and Gillian Gilks (Surrey) won the individual titles and the outcome in both cases was always certain which inevitably made for perfectionist with nobody more annoyed, one suspected, at any errors than Mrs Gilks herself.

Mrs Perro's suprethacy as a doubles player, however, remained muchallenged. She and Anne Start (Hamselver) has a feat Barbara Sustained

itle for a record fourth time. Mrs. Gliss, rithlessly efficient feeded only 11 minutes to complete fier 11—0, 11—6 victory against Nora Perry (Essex). It was Mrs Gilks's Bith national singles title which equalled Margaret Lockwood's

record.

If these bald facts, by their predictability, confirm a slightly disappointing background to the tournament, there was still a fair-sized ration of spectacle and expertise for the crowd to enjoy. Talbot last week had been advised by his doctor not to play in these championships. He went on court seeking to win quickly and for a time Wilks, too, showed plenty of aggressive intent. The result was some hard, quick-fire hitting with Wilks coming off worst.

Wilks tried desperately to keep Taibot on the move, but seldem caught his experienced opponent hadly placed. Talbot took full advantage with some devastating smashes when Wilks was faulty in his length from below the net.

smashes when Wilks was faulty in his length from below the net. Wilks gathered several points with cleverly-angled hackhand drop shots at close range but was forced into too many errors to pose a serious challenge. Talbor, swearing profusely, began ro cough when leading 11—4 in the second game, and took some medicine before completing the match with a flurry of attacking strokes.

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## Time to end uncertainty of England's leader

Having asked for time-to reflect on the interviews with Ron Greenwood, Bobby Robson, Brian Clough and Laurie McMenemy held a week ago, the electoral committee of the Football Association reconvened this morning and will be under some pressure to delay no further. Professor Sir Harold Thompson, the chairman of the FA and of the committee, is not alone in showing signs of impatience over suggestions that the decision on the new England manager could be put off again.

Only the name of the committee's is expected to be known today. The details of the new administration may take a few days to be settled. No doubt the FA bope to have everything arranged by January 1 and certainly Nottingham Forest and Ipswich Town must be getting a little weary waiting to know whether they must go leader-less into the new year. They have been under threat for long enough and England's uncertainty also needs to be suded. After all, it is five months to the day since Don Revie resigned.

In that time Mr Revie's views have not been sought with much enthusiasm, which is surprising in some ways because he is nothing if not shrewd. From his desert kingdom, detached to the point of isolation, he said at the weekend that he still felt he had made the right decision to resign even though it would probably take 20 years to turn the United Arab Emirates into a strong football nation. He felt sorry for Mr Greenwood who had been criticized after one match, but thought he was a "very capable man".

The FA committee may feel that they have heard the last uninvited word-

rotes, twice as many as Mr Clough. The least popular alliance was that of these two together. Opinions seemed divided on whether the need for a who would restore respect for England and have high ideals.

Respect for the art of playing good football was not immediately obvious from the more dramatic activities of the club game on Saturday. Alex Cropley suffered a broken leg for the third time in his career in a particularly ugly match between Aston Villa and West Bromwich Albion at Villa

Sunderland.

Ron Saunders, the Villa manager,
pointed our that the tackie by Alistair

Brown that caused Cropley's injury was

almost certainly a case of poor timing. However, he also said: "The game had reached such a state that it needed special handling, which it did not set." This later revived the argument for having full-time professional referees. Players continually complain that referees lack understanding, yet they are rarely prepared to accept even the most mildly controversial decision without fierce debate. The understanding should be mutual.

Surplisingly, Villa still hear Albion by 3-0 despite having only 10 men for the second half with McNaught also taken off with an injury. That left Albion with 23 points, a total that seems to have magnetic attraction. Five clubs are level behind Everton, who took their unbeaten sequence to 21 matches by beating Middlesbrough, and Notting-ham Forest, also still winning well and still unbeaten at home, who defeated

## Botham, Cope and Edmonds could be contesting one England place

Cricket Correspondent

Lahore, Dec 11

Considering how little cricket they have had since leaving England-since the second week England—since the second week in September in fact—the England touring side played encouragingly well in beating the Governor's XI by 212 runs in Peshawar yesterday. It was only their second victory in Pakistan since the MCC tour of 1961/52, the other being in Rawalpland five years ago when Dennis Audiss played one of the two or three best innings I have seen on a sticky wicket.

seen on a sticky wicket.

In their second innings the Governor's XI were bowled out for only 68, with Lever, Willis, Old and Miller all vying for wickets, Miller, Roope and Old (off his own bowling) holding good catches, and Randall at cover point running Hasan Jamil out with a lightning swoop and a deadly throw. In the morsing Randall and Botham had done their confidence no harm by making 57 and 22 not out respectively before Breariey's declaration.

When the England XI won

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When the England XI won there was still an hour or so of daylight left, which Brearley and Boycott used fc- batting practice, our in the middle, with the masses to field for them, Gatting and Botham to bowl, and Old to umpire and to rejoice in giving Boycott out when anyone appealed. Whereas in the days of the Raj, Peshawar, as a garrison town, would have all the cricket

where yesterday's match was played. This deprived those not playing of the chance to practice. There are plenty of backey

playing of the chance to practice. There are plenty of hockey pitches, but cricket in Peshawar is in danger of dying.

The Governor's XI, however poorly they played, were still taken from the party of 37 players who have been together since the middle of last month preparing for the forthcoming Test marches. Among them, not surprisingly there is some disgruntlement at the way the Board of Control for cricket in Pakistan have flown their kite about repatriating, if they can, Mr Packer's Pakistanis. This conduces to be seen here as a political move to humour the cricketing public, who are inclined to lay the blame for the defection of Asif, Mushtaq, Majid, Imran and Zaherr at the Board's door.

Brearley's team made the usual

Brearley's team made the usual pligrimage up the Klyber Pass-today, before flying on here, to downtown Lahore, Tomorrow they downtown Lahore. Tomorrow they will practice morning and afternoon at the Test ground. Of the 
England side for Wednesday. 10 
would seem to choose themselves—
Brearley, Boycott, Rose. Randall, 
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ting themselves, the four selectors (Brearley, Boycott, Barrington and Willis) will want to have a look at the Test pitch.

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The Pakistan Cricket Board have delayed choosing their Test team until they receive a reply from the Packer players Imran, Mushtaq, Majid and Zaheer.

## Clough and Co bring back good old days

By Geoffrey Green

It was like old times at the City ground Nottingham on Saturday. There were four wingers on the field using the flanks and bringing width to all-out attack; there was good goalkeeping; creativity in a midfield not cluttered up by frightened defenders; and coherent pace all round.

It all added up to the livellest, most emertaining league match one has seen this season. If there was a slight grumble from a neutral observer it was the result viself. Nottingham Forest beat Coventry City 2—1 to stay at the head of affairs, yet it could so easily have been a draw on one of those rare occasions when it was a pity there had to be a loser.

The change that has come over Forest and Coventry—particularly the latter—is as surprising as the metamorphosis of Cinderella from rags to finery. Clouch and Taylor on the one hand, Milne and Wyhe on the other, are the relevant fairy godfathers and all one would wish is that their wands would extend the magic beyond midnight so that the new trend of attacking wing-play—first pointed by Manchester littled two seasons ago—becomes the general fashion again.

Only the heavy golong, five gualtening by Shifton and Blyth (who will well go to Argentina with a dissolved into smoke rings.

Ironically, when at last they waterialized they came in a clotch—all three in a space of four winners. The first went to Forest when the long-legged Withe swence a quick throw-in by the intelligent Robertson low to the far post where O'Nelli, moving in from the opposite flank, stabbed home.

more money and more coaching should ask have been necessary to spot the symptoms of violence at Villa Park on Saturday.

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Jim Bent, the referee, was like a car driver, bissfully unaware that the steerjost wheel in his bands was no longer connected to anything. It was not until a minute before hold-time that no realized that this match was careering bopelessily out of course, it was far too late. The crash came hed Alistake Brown, of course, it was far too late. The crash came hed Alistake Brown, of west "romwich Albion, went in ou Cropley with the sort of late make that was not untypical of air match. For those who had not card the pistol-like crack it told "il. In that atoment football was of no importance to either if them. A double fracture of the rest of this season to Alex Cropley. Calamity is compounded, for Cropley left leg has been broken twice before.

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The second helf seemed so pointless after finat; it was as if someone had shown you the last twee of a whodunit. And yet Villa's fortingle, was, worthy of its own story; with 10 men they not only retained their lord but increased it to win, justifiably, by 1—9. They were clearly the injured party, having lost McNaught, their coutre half, early caster a mid-air collision with Regis, who had frequently outjummed him.

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A game that hurtled down

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gratulations cassed than Gemmali act up a one-two for Woodcock and Withe through the middle where McGovern, following apfast, swept a rising left-loot shot to the top corner—a line move.

All this happened on the edge of half time and as the teams went in for a breather they were given a standing ovarion by the 30,000 crowd. It might have been the Metropolitan Opera House. After that there were no more goels and no more purple putches as the pitch took on a dark; scarred look in the mud.

But the promise and the shape!

But the promise and the shape remained as Gemmill and Mc-Govern for Forest and Yorath and Powell for Coventry worked midfield like Trojans to set up the opening. Yorath probed the flanks with wide sweeping passes to Nardlello and Hutchison, while Gemmill and McGovern kept Robertson and O'Nobil on the movedown the touchlines in ceaseless atmark.

Shirton and Blyth were kept on their toes, 30d McDonald, once a creative wing half for Aston Villa, offered strength and skill as Coventry's left back. Only two great last-ditch tackles by Lloyd and Btarus kept Ferguson and Wallace from certain Coventry goals as the five of battle spirited back and forth.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: P. Shilton: V. Anderson C. Barrett J. McGovern, V. Anderson C. Barrett J. McGovern L. Lloyd K. Burns M. O'Nell, A. Grommill. P. Withe. A. Woodcock, J. Robertson, Coventry Carve J. Blyth: G. Cohey, R. McDoreld, T. Yoruth, J. Holton, M. Good, D. Nagrdielin, I. Wallachton.

Referee J. D. Hough (Macclesfield).



Latchford (left), the league's leading scorer, shows his deadliness in the penalty area by beating Platt for Everton's third goal against Middlesbrough.

## Initiative from variety of sources

Everton's long, successful sequence was safely infact before it was even at risk. They pierced Middlesbrough twice in the first 11 minutes at Goodison Park on Saturday and then few doubted that Everton were on course for their seventeenth consecutive league match withour defeat for the north-eastern side are not bursting with guile and potency. They are tenacious, sometimes robust, opponents nevertheless and Everton could manage only one more goal without any seply from Middlesbrough:

hefty books made it seem like a day out in the fourth 'division. Ironically, what talent there was came from the feet of Villa's Gregory, not so hong ato of that division. A shot which thudded against the reinforced glass of one of the private suites must have reminded him of his street football. Abion, with 66 per cent of black power in attack, made no more impression without the service of Johnston.

The heavy Regis, an understudy who turned star occruight. On Priday when Cross joined West. Ham, has nothing of the dark, dazzling sorcery of his teammate and flat mate. Cunningham, a winger. and Gidman, a full back, swopped roles in the 41st minute when Gidman avoided his alidion; tackle and trossed for Cowans, the able Villa substitute, to place the ball neatly wide of Godden. Three minutes later the exciting skill of Cropley was cut short in his finest season. He bad emerged as a serious rival to Scotland's regular midfield trio. Now, the cold clave of a dismal December day in Birmingham had somehow reached out and throttled the prospect of a few summy onex next year in Areanian. After the luckless Brown had aurrived attacks from Philips and Gray, Mr Bent flustly "booked" him. Until then the only caution had ludicrously been one for hand ball by Cantello after 34 minutes.

Inunciately from the restort Villa gained their retribution through a running. flashing header by Gray. The hird coal ceme une, minutes is by the new ball when Gidman, who was still wildly incensed by the Cropley husines, channelled his, venom into a free kick which sped low and fast through the legs of Brown, of all people.

ANTON VILLA: J. Rimmer: I. Ardwant fash. G. Cowans, D. sources. Thomas has often drawn attention to himself with skilful wing play and particularly because of the accuracy with which his centres find a waiting head, but here he had a subdued afternoon and both Pearson and Buckley were better able to emphasize their guiding roles and their value as marksmen, too.

Pearson, seems a much more confident player flow. There is nothing pronounced about his nothing pronounced about his nothing pronounced about his strange and value in a lot of work and although there was little indication that Middlesbrough have refined their lard

that Everton were on course for their seventeenth consecutive league match without defeat for the north-eastern side are not bursting with guile and potency. They are tenacious, sometimes robust, opponents nevertheless and Everton could manage only one more goal without any reply from Middlesbrough:

If those rapid thrusts to Middlesbrough's heart largely bled the match of tincertainty there was opportunity for Everton to underline that their new initiative flows from a variety of middlesbrough as Couper limped off almost immediately but they

McQueen crowns most effective moment

Wood ahead of him and twice the goalkeeper managed to get in the way of the shot.

By then Everton had scored a third time, by courtesy of Craggs. The borty full back had a mixed afternoon. He countered Thomas well but was cautioned for an early foul and will still be reproaching himself for an awful back pass intended for his goal-keeper as the second half began. It fell yards short, was badly directed and dropped obligingly in latchford whose aim is too deadly at the moment to be allowed so much licence.

EVERTON: C. Wood D. James M.



Leading goalscorers

penalty area more or less as he pleased and scored Arsemi's goal after nearly an hour. Brady's free kick was not reached by Macdonald or Stapleton and the

ball went across the penalty area for Young to shoot in.

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That added to Young's confidence and for a long time he seemed unbeatable as Leeds failed to complete their absorbing work. Often their moves broke down on the wings after Currie and Flynn had offered splendid opportunities, and so, in the end, McQueen had to add the decisive touch to the promise. He was at the start and fluish of the game's most attractive and effective moment. He bounded upfield after taking possession from a free kick and passed wide to Harris. He kept running and was in the penalty strea on time to reach Harris's centre which Jennings could only push higher. McQueen leapt above everyone and headed in.

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## West Indians home with seven overs to spare

Adelaide, Dec 11.—An Australian XI were besten again in a 40over match against a West Indian XI. The Australians, who lost to a World XI here yesterday, were unable to cope with the powerful hirting of the West Indian hatmen.

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The Australian XI, sent in to but by Cilve Llovd, scored 203 for cight. Their ton bassion was Greg Chappell, who scored 45 and showed a welcome return to form after his string of failures during the two weeks of World Series Cricket. However, the Australian basemon were never as Series Cricket. However, the Australian barmon were never at ease against the pace bowling of Roberts, Daniel and Garner.

The West Indian barsonen took only 35.5 overs to win the match with a total of 204 for four.

Fredericks and Greenidge, who stored 48. figured in an opening stand of 76 which set up the win for the West Indians. The match was watched by mother disappointing crowd of only 2,315 people, well below the 10,000 figure set by Kerry Packer's organization. In yesterday's match between an Australian XI and a

### Indians need 369 runs

Perth. Dec 11.—The Indians lost three wickets in the final 50 three wickets in the final 50 minutes of a match against Western Australia teday and at the cluse were in dire trouble. Western Australia declared their second innings at 293 for six, setting the visitors the huge target of 422 runs.

Now, with seren wickets in hand, the Indians require a further 369 runs to win with setting the handed bowler, started the rot by getting Gavaskar caught. handed bowler, started the rot by getting Gavaskar Caught
Brayshaw, who is medium (ast and 35, put Western Australia on top by removing Chauhan (24) and Patel (16). Chauhan edecd a ball pitched outside the off-stump on to his wicket and Patel shuffled across, missed and was leg-hefore wicket.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA 50.6 for the dec and 20% for his dec ill. Charles worth 67, G. Wood 56, B. Chandraforth 167, G. Wood 56, B. Chandraf

### Leading authority talks of advance in drug detection

By Cliff Temple Athletics Correspondent

Britain's international athletes returned to their hard winter Britain's international athletes returned in their hard whoter training programmes last night after a weekend of information and, food for thought at the British Amateur Athleta British Amateur Athleta Board athletes' weekend at Crystal Palace, sponsored by Kraft. For some, the lure of the Commonwealth - Games and European championships next summer will be stronger now that they know the Board's plans, as far as the Board knows them itself.

And if there was an air of optimism, it was that the athletes are beginning to believe at lust that the increasing efficiency of dope testing is cutting down, and may eventually eliminate altogether, the use of such banned substances as anabolic steroids, in the past, doubt may have tended to give some British athletes a feeling of inferiority in their preparation, if retaining clear consciences.

A talk yesterday morning by Dr Arnold Beckett, one of the world's leading authorities on the subject, told them of the advances being made in drug detection, and now some of the worles among

Real tennis

the throwers at least seem to centre more on possible technical changes in their events. Because of the great improvement in standards in events like the hammer, just one of those which has been linked with drug use, the dauger factors of long throws with the 16lb Iron missiles which could bounce off rubberized tracks and into the crowd are causing such concern that the International Amateur Athlede Federation are cailing for experiments with greater weights and shorter wire connecting the handle to the hammer head.

The aim is for shorter throws, but the athletes, mindful both of the tradition and the spectacle of their event, were keen to point out yesterday that if such proposals came about it cavid damage the event. "If, as seems possible, the steroid factor is overcome, then distances will become shorter again, any way", the United Kingdom bammer record holder, Christopher Black, said. "So it the hammer is made heavier, it will only be the biggest chaps who will be able to succeed in the event."

Ahout 60 athletes attended the weekend, and all went away happiet.

Black overtaken by silver medal winner

Cross country

Eshetu Turo (Ethiopia) sprinted past Britain's David Black to win the International Athletes Club the International Athletes Club cross-country race, sponsored by Phillips Industries, at Crystal Palace, on Saturday. Tura, World Cup steeplechase silver medal winner, clocked Zemin 0.42sec over the muddy unrelenting 8.580 metres. Itnishing 40 metres ahead of Black (Zemin 38sec). Miruts Yifter, the Ethiopian who won two gold medals in the World Cup in Düsseldorf, falled to keep up with the pace and fusished third. Scotland's Nat Muir and last year's winner, Berule

Tura. running tensciously, gradually worked his way up the placings until at the start of the fifth lap, he was in striking distance of the leader Black. These two stayed out in from and MEN'S INTERNATIONAL 19.580

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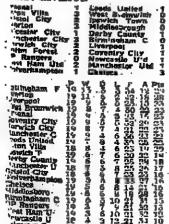
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## Within a few minutes of the start there were half a dozon free fricks and a colleague expressed sympathy for the poor chap doing the food coura. Ferhaps Mr tent had decided to make lowances for the close rivolry, but the players took advantant the most gruesome of the early hony challeness spring from the hard core of Albion's defence, Robeston and Wils. They made you wonder where the line tay between hard and dicty. They chapped down Little and his Found J. Wile. A. Robertson, E. It was also in Leeds's favour of the commission of the younger players lost confi-Weekend results and tables

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Scottish first division

By Norman Fox.

Any serious judgment of a promising neam is usually avoided if one or two regular members are absent. Yet the way reserve strength is tapped and improvization brought into planning often stamps the true class of a club. Leeds United, without Jordan, who may soon be leaving them for good, and Hauida, their loading goalstorer, were still able bodied when they thew 1—1 with Arsenal at Highbury on Saturday even if their equalizing goal was not scored until two minutes from the end.

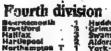
On paper their resistance them seemed a suspicious compromise. They asked a natural winger. Eddie Gray, to be centre forward and expected Currie to spend more than his usual amount of time in the attack. They still managed to accommodate two players wide in Graham and Harris. Enormous basic hustling and building by Flynn and Currie, combined with impressive defending by Madeley and McQueen, competently concealed the problems.

It was also in Leeds's favour that Arsenal played badly. Several of the younger players lost confi-Third division



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Prenn earns the

#### right to take on Surtees By Our Real Tennis

John Prenn earned the right issue a challenge to the world champion William Surtees, a Briton working in New York, at Queen's Club yesterday. He won Queen's Club yesterday. He won the two games needed in the second leg to eliminate his rival, Charles Hue Williams, by 15—12, 15—8, making the final score in the favour six games to one—15—17, 15—5, 17—15, 15—3, 15—12, 15—12, 15—18. Surtees have already indicated that he is unlikely to accept any challenge before December. 1978 Prem's chances are dependent upon him winning the British amareur and open championships later this season.

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Prem's severity in the railies and his more penetrating service were the decisive factors. But, much improved player though he is, he has much to learn about placing the ball. There are players. Surtees, Howard Angus and William Boone among them, who will not necessarily succomb to sheer pace of stroke.

Rarely in either log did Hue

Rarely in either leg did Hue Williams serve his best, especially into the foreband court which is usually one of his strong points. This may have been because of This may have been because of his anxiety to compete with a man il years younger. That same tenseness showed itself he the struggle he had to win the very lirst game of the contest and then losing the third and both games played yesterday after holding substantial leads.

substantial leads.

Norwood Cripps and Alan Lovell, the holders, retained the British open real tennis doubles chempionship, beating Frank Wills and David Cull by 6—2, 6—2, 6—1 in the final round at Queen's Club on Saturday. This one-sided victory emphasized the class of the winners rather than any capitulation by the losses, although Willis, with many forshands just hitting the tape of the net, was not quite his usual self.

## Klammer scores another World Cup victory

From John Hennessy Val d'Isère, Dec 11

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From afar, a downhill victory for Franz Klammer, of Austria, may carry a suspicion of duil incritability, such is life domination of the event. But, although he was first again today in the first World Cup downhill of the season, his success was anything but inevitable. At a point some three-quarters of the way down the OK course to La Daille he lay only sixth, but his shrewd skiing brain more than made up the deficit in the lower part.

The critical section of the course The critical section of the course

is a compression halfway down, where there is a studen drop fol-lowed by a sharp rise. Thereafter the course is fairly straightforward and there is no prentical way of making up for earlier errors. It is vital, therefore, to come out of the compression at maximum speed, and make growing capital of a higher speed from there on-wards. wards.

wards.
In training Klammer had taken a curved line ustensibly for safety's sake, but, as he later confessed, principally to mislead his opponents. Dering the rice he limit the compression straight and, in spite of a windmill of arms, legs and skis, maintained his control on landing. Thus lonin 31.19see at the intermediate point became 2min 7.61sec at the arrivee.

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Starting No 2. he had already overtaken a compatriot. Josef Walcher. In turn now Herbert Mank (Italy), Kenneth Road (Canada), Sepp Farsti (Arest Germen) and Werner Gristmann (Austria) set the tongues wagging with firese intermediate times but (Austria) set the tongues wagging with faster intermediate times, but none was able finally to stop the clock as quickly as Klammer had done. Plank was second. Walcher third and Read Jourth.
Klammer's earlier handicap had been the Collombin pre-jump named, after a furmer Swiss racer who, after a furmer Swiss racer who, after the relative here is to take off some future of the metres before meeting the edge of the

jump and regain the snow as quickly as possible. After a spectacular fall at Chamonix a few years ago Klammer put the prejump behind inm and he has since always skied over a jump, more dangerous and more time-consuming—and therefore avoided by other racers. Against all accepted ski racing principles, he prefers his own method.

Klammer mes a remarkable

his own method.

Klammer mes a remarkable record in the World Cup. In 40 downbill: he has been in the top fire 34 times, including 21 victories, and follen twice.

The future that lies before this unspoilt, smiling young man of 24 is a victory in the world championship downluffl at Garmischpartenkirthen next month and then a professional career in the United States that could bring him fim in three years. States that could bring him film in three years.

At a domestic level, Stewart Fizzimmons and David Carnill-realized British expectations with times of Zmin 13.65sec (thirty-sixth place) and Zmin 14.55sec (forty-third). If these seem modest performances to the uninformed, they yet offer a springboard of hope. This was a flercely competitive field, far stronger, oddly enough, than they will have to face at Garmisch. Alan Stewart, the third member of the team, could not compete because of the third member of the team, could not compete because of gestie flu. Konrad Bartelski, now skiing in Ducch colours arter breaking with the Eritish administration. Urished forty-fifth in Emiliary 14.81: ... MEN'S DOWNHILL: 1 F. Kaunner (Austral) 2.217-51; 2, H. Plank (Eurish) 2.277-53; 4, R. Rank (Austral) 2.277-53; 4, R. Rank

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Rugby Union

## Midlands' half backs comfortably enjoy better of the argument

Rugby Correspondent On damp and distinctly sticky going at Bath on Saturday, with the Avon in a muddy state behind the stand, it was no surprise that the rugby should be a good deal less elegant than the mellow Georgian backloth against which it was staged. It has a with some it was staged. It began with some mastly aggressive exchanges up front, and it ended more or less to the same note, by which time the Midlands had beaten the South and South West by the decisive, if somewhat flattering score of two

somewhat flattering score of two goals, a penalty goal and a try (19) to a penalty goal (3).

The Midlands thus qualified to play the North in the inter divisional climax at Twickenham next Saurday, and the losers, kicking off at 11 am, will meet a London side which, come today's selection, could be due for further knocks.

The selectors at Bath must have been comforted to see three of last scason's England forwards, Horton, Cowling and Rafter, in

been comforted to see three of last scason's England forwards, Horton, Cowling and Rafter, in good working order. Horton governed the middle of the line-out, went well in the loose, but won no marks for the outcome of some "argy bargy" lavolving the western flank forward Parsons, when he stamped on his opponent in an early ruck. Parsons, his head stitched and bandaged, remerged late to confirm that he will be heard of again.

Cowling enjoyed a fine tussle in the tight against Eurton who seemed worthily intent, when the flak was flying, no keep his head down at close quarters. It was a drive by Cowling that set up the maul for Midlands's first try, some stolde distribution by Dodge and Cooper then giving Baruwell his chance for a timely appearance from the billnd side wing and for a scoring pass to knee on the other.

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Adey stormed over for the second Midlands try when Hunt had a kick charged down in the western centre behind a ruck established by the Midlands. Shortiv afterwards he retired with a hip injury to be repinced by Jewons in the final quarter. Adey's tustle with Scott at No 8 had led to a narrow points victory for the more experienced performer but Scott, an obviously gifted ball player, did many good things.

things.

If there was a star of the show at forward, it had to be Pomphrey, the Bristol lock, with his exceptional pace and strength in the loose, and his return from the frour of the lineout against a sturdy opponent in Field. Sooner or later his selectors at various levels surely must see him as a

By Gordon Allan

At this time last season London Scottish had not won a game in the London merit table. So far

the London merit table. So far this season they have not lost one. On Saturday, without play-ing as well as they can, whatevar the score might suggest, they beat Vasps at Richmond by three gcals, three penalty goals and two tries (35 pts) to two penalty goals and three tries (18).

on a frank toward (se played on a frank with much success for England Under 23 in Canada), but meanwhile he is making an impressive attempt for a place in the January trial.

The Midlands' half backs com-

Jamary trial.

The Midiands' half backs comfortably enjoyed the better of the argument; Cooper always supplying defi touches and Gifford missing no chances in attack, providing a sound and accurate service. Towards the finish, when his forwards encamped on the opposing line from a series of tapped penalties taken at short range, Lewis sought to do too much on his own. But throughout the game his cause had not been advanced by his partner, Leigh, who stood too far off him on such a day and whose handling distintegrated after a promising start. Lewis deserves a further chance this week, but his selectors must be looking for a new stand-off, who might be Palmer, of England Under 23.

Both full backs contributed an expected quota to attack. Hare tackling effectively and, in the conditions, doing remarkably well to land two conversions (one of them from wide out) and a long range penalty. But, reaching for length as a line kirker, he missed the target a little too often for comfort.

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Having contended with a heavy ball, and without firm purchase for footwork, the three quarters must be hoping for another chance. All the wings made a lively contribution, Morley counter attacking well with his club colleague, Sorrell but the ball did not run kindly for Mogg.

Barnwell got the last Midlands try after Horton, dribbling through, had sidefooted a pass. Sorrell kicked the home side's penalty goal in the first half, which ended with Midlands leading 6-3.

Eorton's next appearance, from far off Toulouse, will be for the trial on January 7. It will be interesting to see whether the Midlands selectors are prepared to forgive Ayre the Moseley lock, for one mediocre game against Coventry, and to bring him in again alongside Field. entry, and to oring them in again alongside Field.

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Scottish began to find one another with their posses and their centenary form began intermittently, but decisively to company

bur decisively to emerge from biding. Lawson had a subdued game, for him, but Friell took some holding, and the three wise men in the loose, Biggar, Pratt and Stewart, were on the ball in

every way.
Biggar (2), Kelly, Macnab and
Stewart scored the Scottish tries.
Gillespie kicked three conversions



Bushell closing in as Squires slips Raiston's tackle.

## Misgivings about new **England trial structure**

By Richard Streeton
Those responsible for England's
new regional trial structure have
hardly been showered with favours
from Kimmet over the past two
weekends in several ways. Misgivings about the system in its present form were successified at ings about the system in its pre-sent form were surely justified at the Wasps' ground on Saturday. The North inflicted such a crush-ing reversal on London that the game was rendered ineffective as a counsy and came close to irrele-vance as a trial.

The North, scoring 26 points in The North, scoring 26 points in each haif, won by five goals, two penalty goals and four tries (52 pts) against two penalties (6). These score details will long be trumpeted outside the confines of the Loudon Tube map and in particular beyond the Treat. Officially, it was a divisional final, so there was no opportunity to shuffle the cares at half-time as in bygone days.

The selectors, both national and regional, learny nothing, of course,

regional, learnt nothing, of course, that they did not know, and the discrepancy between the teams was discrepancy between the teams was hardly a surprise to abrone who has noted recent trends from John Player Cun results or regional proportions in the make-up of England teams. These columns are not the place for more basic issues. Sport. however, reflects its emand the harsher economic and social realities of present-day life in the north compared with London were clearly mirrored by the North's rugby. In commitment, puce, hasic skill and, above all, support play the North excelled. Soldon has any rughy careas been to thoroughly nicked clean by a descending walf from outside the fally as London's rride and reputation on this occasion. It the felt as London's tride and reputation on this occasion. It hardly needs stressing that the North's domination stranged from their part. This may have been predictable but the extent was sad and unexpected.

In the technical aspects, both individually and as a unit, especially in the rucks and manis. London were left waterless in a desert. In the front row the difference in merit between the teams was not the obvious and Keith-Roach, both as hoober and cantain, had Gillespie kicked three conversions and three possities to increase his points for the season to 149, which is 105 more than the next man on the list, Pratt. Wayps replacements, Leckenby and Barker, screen a try each, Revner scored the other one and kicked two penalties. The running of Richards to create two of these tries was the best of the afternoon and a reminder of his Lancashire heyday. hoth as hoover and cautain, had nothing shout which to reproach himself. But when prop forwards can sell dummies successfully, or see up ruck situations only to be phile to create on adjustment for the constitution of the Moss, the Orrell number eight, had a fine match. Only 21, he has had a mere seven games in the nosition, and this is only bis second season at senior level, Mantell, his London equivalent, belled unserve to do himself instea and the London back row, overall, leaked like a cullender. The London side, one glower suspected, was picked with England's future

in mind, and not, primarily, to best the North. The selectors must clarify their brief before next Ssturday's play-off for third place with the South and South-West. In the circumstances Young had all the latitude he needed both to move and to kick, and Old flourished both as a runner and tactician. Bond, the Broughton Park centre, showed constructive virtues in attack that were impressive, and Squires and Carleton on the wings revelled in the chances they were given.

For English rugby overall, it might not have been a bad thing for the North to visit the capital en bloc and show their superiority so convincingly at what should

en bloc and show their superiority so convincingly at what should have been an important fixure. It will be instructive, though, to watch the North's reaction to the pressure which it is hoped they will encounter from the Midlands next weekend. As it was, this match was embarrassingly one-sided.

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Neary and Burler were late
withdrawals from the North's side,
and four replacements were
rested during the game. French,
the Wass centre, was forced off
after only six minutes with a knee
in live, and Ba'l, his teammate,
withdraw early in the second half
with a turned ankle. Palmer first
played in French's place and then
moved in sand-off half.

The North lost Young, who
limbed off in the second half after
being kicked on the knee, and was
replaced by Smith, and near the
ond Hedley retired with a faunstring injury and Roberts came
on. The North's tries came from
Southes (3), Carleton (2). Mose
(2), Recumont and Hedley. Old
kicked five conversions and two
penalties.

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Today's fixtures

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## Wasps deserve a good deal of credit. There were several reserves in their team at the kick-off and two more came on as replacements because of leg injuries to fitsgerald and Lamden during the first quarter. Yet they scored first and, playing Scottish at their own fluid game, were only 7—13 down shortly after halftime. The Scottish forwards seemed to be wool gathering early on. Wasps were quicker to the point of breakdown, rucked impressively, and tackled bard. They kept their line inviolate undi the first half had run into injury time. Then Kelly scored a try and Gillespie kicked his third penalty, to hand Scottish a rather flattering 13—3 lead and make their oranges taste sweeter. The second half was different. day. LONDON SCOTTISN: R. Grant (sub. A. Berthinusam): T. McNab. A. Friell. D. Gilicepie, G. Kelly: R. Wilson, A. Lawson. D. Fairbairs. D. Pickoring, J. Fraser. A. Mcharg. L. Forbes. M. Ringar. B. Pratt. A. Stewart. WARPS: M. Filippeud. (sub. C. Lectonbur): A. Richards. S. Walbord. A. Ravner. P. Marsh: J. Waldron (f. Grant): A. Black. J. Cowell. J. Lamden (sub. A. Rales. P. Rendall. A. Riget. J. Cowell. J. Lamder (sub. P. Rarker): A. Scott. A. Copper. Referen G. G. Lamb / Landon).

Daniels scores five tries

Scottish take time to kill

off weakened Wasps

By Gareth Bowen The floodlights at the Arms The floodlights at the Arms Park seemed superfluous on Saunday when Cardlif routed London Weish 52—17 after an incandescent display of running rugby. The Exiles' line was crossed 10 times—and five tries came from Fat Dadlels, a new centre from Glamorgan Wanderers, who surprised the Cardlif crowd in mid week by choosing to run unscathed through Pontypool's fearsome eight to lay on his side's equalizing try.

eight to lay but his after a young that try.
So Dameis is clearly a young which hope—and he is lucky to be able to learn alongside Gareth Edwards, an arrogant maestro on Saturday behind a rampunt pack, and Gerald Davies, who has now led Cardiff to within six points of

London Welsh are never a side to shut up shop, winatever the omeas of desister. So despite the ites of Ellis-Jones, Mapfield and Alun Lewis to Waies "B" at Nantes and the hinry to Howcroft, they, too, unleased attacks from anywhere afield.

When their spirited winger, Clive Rees, crossed wide on the right for an unconverted try the sides were within a point of each other at 12—11. But two quick tries near the interval by Goreth Edwards and Daniels seemed to destroy even Neil Bennett's optimism at stand-off, and 30 Cardiff points to only six in the second half came in incredible style. London Welsh are never a side

and woefully sluggish covering enough was seen to mark up this Cardiff team as equal to the best in the club's history.

The ability of Daniels to spot a The atthiny of Dames to spot a gap took him across under posts for Cardiff's first try, with his unobtrusive outside half Barry adding the first of his six conversions. Then a 35-yard penalty from Bennett and a try from Richards kept London Welsh roughly to the hort after Daniels's second try following a heatly setup repeal penalty.

Cardiff's pre-interval flutty set

Cardiff's pre-interval flurre set to a second half which was dominated by a stream of classical three-quarter moves from set pieces and broken play. Those going left to Camilleri foundered on solid defence—but those going right to Gerald Dayles found him unsteenable, either judicing inwirds or cleverly rarying the pace of his rurning. He crossed only once, but was the selflers architect of pries from Murrhy, John Dayles to lively full book, and he presented a couple more to the presented a counte more to the error-resent Donlots.
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the lock forward, crossed under the nosts for Bennett in convertbut then they were further handi-counted by injury to Pichards, David Ress then took the field for events and view of the carnage

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CARDIFF: J. Davies: T. G. R. Davies. P. Daniels. N. Murphy. C. Caullier: D. Barry. C. Enwards. C. Sallier: D. Barry. C. Enwards. C. Sallier: D. Hawittes. D. Liewettyn. C. Smills. P. Ravilles. D. Liewettyn. C. Smills. P. Ravilles. M. Glomenis: C. Carlona WELSH: A. Glomenis: C. Strong. Wellams, K. Aughes. A. Sicheric Laib, D. Roess; N. Bennell, T. Williams; J. Doccon. J. Thomas, J. T. Levis, R. Bovering, H. Thomas, T. Levis, R. Bovering, H. Thomas, J. Taylor.

Keferes. Mr C. Norting 1 bwanses). style.
Of course, much of all this was clearly based on a highly social and seasonable compact between captains Davies and Taylor, but despite some powder-puff defence

International match Yesterday

International match Inter-Divisional Competition





### Loss of money and players through divisional system

By Nicholas Kerth

The new divisional system has faced a welter of crincism after only two airings in public. For most leading clubs, it means the loss of leading players. For one club ar least, it means financial worries because of reduced attendances at home games. The club with financial problems is Bristol, who ended Mosclev's run of 19 unbeaten club matches on Saturaday.

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Bristol were without seven first team players, including Ken Plummer, their captain, who was having a run in the second XV. Moseley were 11 regulars short, but Bristol were delighted, nevertheless, with their victory by 23—0 with tries by Carter (two), Corvett and John and Cue kicking two conversions and a penalty.

Supprisingly, Bristol had the harshest things to say about the divisional system. "Ower the last ciclit weeks we have lost a total of 58 players to county and regional matches." Bristol are even more concerned about lost revenue. "Our gates are 20 per cent down and something has got in happen for usin the John Player Cun or we will be in financial difficulty", Mr Cornish said.

The measure of Bristol's prob-leve is that at each outstaining has got in tags of outstanding the championship with has no be discussed in the process needs the county by the championship which has no be discussed in the championship and regional matches for Conformit who was not county the championship which has no be discussed in the championship which has no be discussed in the championship which has no be discussed in the championship and regional matches have one Saturaday.

Supprisingly, Bristol had the harmone was given by I. Day, Leicester's secretary, who said; "The major clubs wanted this regional system and we have got to put up with it for two or three years, although we didn't realize all the implications of it at the inverse of the Eughy Football Union, who also believes the process needs time.

"I would like to give it longer forces are quite firmly that a number of rew names have come forward in the regional same who might not necessarily have done to the county have the county of the coun

The measure of Bristol's prob-lems is that, at each outstanding home fixture, they expect to take £1,000 at the gate. So far this season, their best taking has been £700 when they entertained Bridg-and Like most clubs Bristol £700 when they entertained Bridg-end. Like most clubs, Bristol depend largely on bar profits (about 80 per cent in their case) but they need the gate money, too.

There are no hard feelings at Moseley, whose main reservation about the divisional matches is that four of their players were "sixting on the banch" as replacements. They have not yet felt the effects of lost sate money because, when they have been weakened, they have had away fixtures.

also believes the process needs time.

If would like to give it longer before we make a decision. The selectors we make a decision. The selectors we make a believe come forward in the regional game who might not necessarily have done so. It does not mean that they will process into the England and immediately because established players are bound to be prominent in these regional sames. prominent in these regional sames. If we produce a successful England side, we will be entitled to take some credit. If not, we may have to think again.

## McBride plays for Ulster

By Peter West Bill McBride, who retired from international rugby in 1975 after five Lions' tours and after winning 63 caps for Ireland, a world record, has been selected to play for Ulster in their provincial match against Munster at Rayenbill next Saturday.

to provincial rugby might be a stepping stone to further honours at the top, he replied with a typically wry smile: "Ulster seem to be in a spot of difficulty up front at the moment, and I'm just helping out.: Let's take one thing at a time." Saturday's game will decide the championship. Munster need only a draw to achieve it.

mench against Munster at Rayenhill next Saturday.

Sloce Ireland lost to Wales in
Cardiff in the last manch of the
1974-75 international season,
McSride, now 37, has continued to play regularly for his club,
Eallymena, and earlier this year
he led them to success in the
Ulster Senior Cup competition.

When asked whether his return

will decide the championship.

Munster need only a draw to
schleve it.

Thoormed opinion in Northern
Ireland is that McBride remains the best lock in the province.
Moveover, there are those who believe that he could still be the best player in his position available for Ireland.

Racing

## Rodman makes absurd look logical

Racing Correspondent Once more into the breach, dear friends, and what better place to begin to pick up the thread after an absence than Cheitenham, Seidom can that mecca of steeplechasing have been seen in a better light than it was on Samirday. Under a cloudless sky and against the magnificent backcloth of Cleeve Hill the course looked in wonderful condition in spite of 0.6in of rain that had failed during the previous night. And luckily the racing matched the

with the backing of Fred Winter's stable, John Francome was in
irrepressible form. He rode three
winners for Winter and very nearly
another for Richard Head; and
unless I was much mistaken that

another for Richard Head; and unless I was much mistaken that was a clear warulog to John O'Neill that he cannot afford to relax at the top of the jockeys' ladder even though he still heads Francome by 20. Winter's stable is obviously in top gear now and it will not be difficult for Francome to whittle away O'Neill's lead especially if winners continue to pour out of Uplands the way they did on Saturday.

That promising young steeplechaser, The Dealer, started the ball rolling when he won the Fred Withington Pattern Steeplechase, but he was not nearly so impressive as his stable commands, Rodman, who ran away with the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle Trial half an hour later. Whereas The Dealer looked distinctly weary towards the end Rodman gave the impression that he could have gone around again.

When I returned from my recent holiday in Kenya I indulged in a lot of back reading in an attempt to catch up with events. I thought that with plenty of talented young hurdlers still under wraps in England or Ireland it was abourd for Hill's to so 4—1 Rodman for the Triumph Hurdle immediately after he had won at Ascot.

However, in the light of Saturday's result that offer does not look quite so absurd after all, net look quite so absurd after all, even though the target in question is still dare morths away. Pingine his burdles like an old hand Rodman created an excellent impression and I would certainly not care to choose one to beat him in the four-year-old championship. Clearly others share that view because there was a whole-scale plunge on Rodman to win the Triumph Hurdle after he had won Saturday's trial. Yesterday Ladbroke's man on the spot told me that sheer weight of money had forced his firm to cut the horse's price to only 5—2 after 9—2 and 7—2 had been gobbled up as if the outcome were merely

up as if the outcome were merely a foregone conclusion.

Somewhat understandably both Winter and Francome were thrilled with Rodman's latest effort and it is Winter's intention to give

thrilled with Rodman's latest effort and it is Winter's insention to give him just one more race—at Chepstow in 10 days' time—before resting him in preparation for his till at the Triumph in March. Later in the day Easter Eef became their third winner when he outclassed his opposition in the Newent Handicap Hurdle, even though his weight included a penalty.

Eartier in the day Francome looked poised to win the Massey-Ferguson Gold Cup as well when he let Uncle Ring stride into a clear lead after jumping the last fence but one. But those who were already counting their winnings had obviously forgotten just what hill at Cheltenham can have on a horse, especially one lacking match practice, so to speak, and we saw the picture alter suddenly on that energy-sapping run up to the finishing post.

Jumping the last fence in front uncle Ring still looked the likely winner, but without a race under his belt this season the hill found him out. Towards the end he was caught and passed by Even Melody on whom Colin Hawkins bided his time quite perfectly.

After Even Melody had finished second in the Mackeson Gold Cup

at Cheltenham in November his trainer, that colourful character Neville Crumo, thought that Hawkins had let him stake the four a shade too early. The time be instructed his young jackey, who had never ridden a winner at Chiltenham before, to delay his challenge for as long as bolishle. And without rould have carried out those instructions better.

Quite content to be in last place for much of the way, Hawkins easy began to improve his position on Even Melody racing down the hill. When the race limits came to the boil it was clear that the bill. When the race that the came to the boil it was clear that only Even Melody and Current Gold were dancers to Uncle Bial. But whereas Current Gold could not quite get to grips with the stuation. Even Melody, the faster of the two, could and this Gring the winner 10th, Uncle Binz covered himself with glory in what was his first race of the season and he will raw be allowed to take his chance in the King George VI Steeplechase at Kempton Park on Border. Day, a race which his owner, Mrs Midmay-White, won almost 20 years zen with Lockner.

The reigning champion hurdler, Night Nurse, started farmente to who the first running of the Bulz Hurdle, a race named after the former champion hurdler who died earlier this year. But after watching Mighe Nurse firsts only third, eight and three quarter lengths behind his arch rival, Birds Next, I found it difficult to estance from the feeling that the champion's reign may well be annountaing its end and that like Bula he is a horse destined to win the crown ordy twice.

On Saturday defeat was staring him in the eves long before the end. For much of the way Night Norse was harmed by Midsummer Lad, another habitual from runner. But even when he had dropped out there was still Recent's Garden to cornean him. And all the while Birds Nest and Dramaist were both lurking just behind poised to strike.

subjected to such pressure not eren durlit; that epic at Cheiten. bam last March. But whoreas he repelled challenge witer challenge on that occasion this time it was ell in no avail and he was left trailing as Birds Next and Dramatist enacted the final drams. A tendency to han; to his latt when flat out has hampered Rirds Nest in the past but not for a second did he water from oil a true line this time and in giving Dramani 4 45 and a healing be thrust his name to the five get thrust his name to the live set equin as a live contender for the

had the timerity to suggest that Birds Nest was a borse expande of minimum the Chemolon Handle at the curpose of Ninks, Name and the character of Nielt, Name and twice I have been made to link a find, victory colors to the Yorkshire bottle. Maybe next year will be a case of third time lacky, but for which cann only time tall tell. In other of his defair the lawers are still nordisting in second Nielt Nurse as anto-poor throughten-the. Nurse as anto-port favour twelfer Tose at 7-2 compored with 5-2 offered by Ladbroke's—but he will certainly have to buck his ideas no if he is to emulate Persian War and win the Champion Hurdle for a third time.

Night Nurse may be eiten an emportunity to review hunder for a more hunself of Komportunity to review hunself of Komportunity to Review hunself of Komportunity to Review hunder for third how best to deploy his force. He is in the earlible projection of horizing two strates to his box with Eirds. Nest and Beacon Light. Dramatist has never run better than he did on Saturdar, but I set the impression now that he chould either he faced with longer distances in the future or switched to steenlechasing if his full potential is to be realized. I know that fockey, Eil Smith, feels the some way.



12.45 GUISBOROUGH HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o novices: £340: 2m 176yd)

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200-51 Meffic's Lad, J. Sidling, 11-10 ...
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5 323-200 Pal Dan, H. Blacyshaw, 7-11-8 ... Frarry
6 103240 Tamdem, G. Richards, 4-11-7 ... C. Pimioti 7
7 0022-00 Life's Ambition, D. Castrato- 4-11-7 ... P. Crarison 3
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15 D. McZelli, 5-11-2. 3.15 GUISBOROUGH HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o novices: 5340; 2m 176yd)

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O-04 Four Pale, D. McCain, 11-0

1m The Boss, A. Jarvis, 11-0

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#### Nottingham programme -

1.0 RUDDINGTON HURDLE (Div I: 4y-a novices: £529: 2m) 1.30 RUDDINGTON HURDLE (Div II : 4y-o novices : £514 : 2m)

2.0 WOLLATON STEEPLECHASE (Randican: £880: 3m)

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1 2000 Beattey Boy (D), D. Nicholson, 12-12-0. J. Suthern
2 Mr. Snowman (D), T. Forsker, 8-11-3. J. O. Thorney
8 10941-2 Alec Lewis (D), J. Maine, 7-11-0. Str. T. Thompson, Jones
10 109-24 Fun Smart, E. Caurage, 10-11-0. Str. T. Thompson, Jones
10 02-25 Everything, D. Nicholson, 6-16-1, S. Forsker, 6-16-1, S. Forsker 2.30 KEGWORTH HURDLE (Handicap : £726 : 2m) | KEGWUKIE BUKDAD (Hankusan, 1985) | Weisher, 6-11-11 | 18-0013 | Manine Duvenpere (C-0), 7 | Arthur, 6-71-9 | 18-0013 | Renksborough (D), R, Arthur, 6-71-9 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013 | 18-0013

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4 0-03 Bird off Pray. J. Webber. 7-11-7
9 0000-0 Cradenly, M. Marsh. 8-11-7
12 p09-000 Keilder Furest. F. Rimell. 6-11-7
13 073-674 Oregandots. Thomson Jones. 6-11-7
14 073-674 Oregandots. Thomson Jones. 6-11-7
15 0-00000 Rosern. J. Harris. 6-11-7
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Nottingham selections By Our Racing Staff

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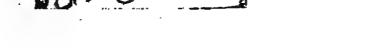
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#### Eric Heffer

## A lean Christmas for the jobless

festive fare will be meagre and where those "celebraing" the festival will be worried sick about the future. The reason for this is unemployment, and only those who have experi-enced it or who are under the threat of it, know how it saps morale and erodes one's

If the Labour Party were to lose the next election, and I trust it will not, it would be because of one thing—the high level of unemployment. The Tories know this and are fully aware of its emotive effect on Labour's supporters. That is why they are playing for all they are worth on the theme that Labour is the party of unemployment. In this they are being policically dishonest because they know that unemployment has risen and may well continue to rise in most Western capitalist countries, and also that Britain's memployment figures are alightly ployment figures are slightly lower than in most other Western capitalist countries. In considering the problem

of unemployment, one has to ask why it occurs and what are its causes? The simplistic answers are overproduction, underconsumption, world eco-nomic booms and slumps, all of which are true, but other factors also have to be taken

into account.

For example, it has rightly been argued that Britain over the years has suffered from a lack of industrial investment. It has lagged behind its European, American and Japanese competitors. However, although these competitors have a better record of industrial investment. record of industrial investment than Britain, they are also suf-fering high levels of unemploy-ment. In fact, new industrial investment creates few jobs, and basically adds to the "reserve

army of the unemployed."

That is what is happening in the steel industry today, and what is likely to happen in the shipbuilding industry tomorrow. Modernization, while improving production, creates unem-ployment. In this, one is remin-ded of the story about Walter Reuther, one time leader of the United Automobile Workers in the USA, who on being shown automation in a new car plant and being told of how few workers were required, re-marked "machines don't buy

That is the dilemma and cruz of the problem. Productivity can vastly increase with fewer and fewer workers and with more and more of them being channelled into the service and non-productive industries. The wealth of a nation, however, de-pends upon its manufacturing industries and as the service industries get bigger, then they have to be supported by a smaller productive sector, particularly in terms of the num-bers employed. It is because of

this that planning is required. When jobs are lost, alternafound. That means that those unemployed, irrespective of age, must be given the opportunity of training and retraining. In Britain, up to now, despite good efforts on the parts of various governments, we are sadly lack-ing in training facilities and this may, in part, be due to opposition from some trade unionists who believe that training more skilled workers can create problems and unemployment for those already trained It is my view that one of the first requirements is to reduce facturing sector to 35 hours.
Also, the age of retirement could be lowered in stages to 60

In Britain this Christmas there years. Holidays could be extended and more frequent. In the short term the drastic cuts in public expenditure could be struction industry is a labour intensive industry, yet its levels of unemployment are higher

The £400m plus the additional amounts announced by Peter Shore, the Secretary of State for the Environment, are wel-come, but they could be brought forward, especially in housing, both for rehabilitation and new both for rehabilitation and new projects. There are hundreds of local authorities who have various plans pigeon-holed away, just waiting for the go-ahead in cash terms. These should be retrieved without delay. All these measures would give greater inh apportunities

give greater job opportunities to many ar present on the dole. The restoration of cuts by creating work will also reduce government expenditure on memployment, supplementary and other benefits. Putting people to work in the short term may prove cheaper for the Government in the long term.

I have referred to the misery of those unemployed. It is of course a relative misery. While conditions are bad, they can not be compared to the 1930s when in 1932 memployment reached 2.8 million, which was 22.1 per cent of the aveilable about force and 6.1 per cent of the total population. Then the poverty was absolute and crushing. Whole generations were destroyed, physically and men-tally. Today there are decent unemployment and welfare benefits, although they are not enough for the long-term un-employed and improvements are

needed.

However, we no longer see queues at soup kitchens, for food vouchers, and that is why there is not the same outcry to-day as there was in the 1930s, when for most of the inter-war years the weekly unemployment benefit for a single man was approximately. 13 shikings a week and there were no benefits and belp with rent, etc. In noday's terms that 16 shillings would be worth about £4.90. Imagine how little one could get for that. However, although the lot of the unemployed is better, that does not make unemployment acceptable and we employment acceptable and we should not pretend that it does not have a long-term and damag-ing effect on individuals as well as the economy and society as

The truth is that unemployment is endemic in the private enterprise economic system, and enterprise economic system, and so care it on any long-term basis, then planned socialist measures are essential. Despite the fact that Kevoesianism has worked reasonably well since the war, it is clear that it is insufficient. We now have to go beyond intervention and fully plan the nation's resources. North Sea oil gives us that opportunity and it must not be frittered away. However, the danger is that government controls, without the fullest possible involvement of the people le involvement of the peop in decision-making will mean a corporatist solution. We must get the balance right between state controls and bureaucracy on the one hand, and democratic transferences. tic involvement in decisionmaking on the other.

Whatever the way forward, we cannot celebrare Christmas in a state of indifference. We must begin to really tackle the problem of unemployment. And that means a great deal of much more than we have witnessed up to now.

The author is Labour MP for Liverpool, Walton © Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977 William Rees-Mogg analyses the economic dangers facing the industrialized world

## Challenges from developing nations that could threaten our living standards

It is common to speak of the developed and the developing world. In fact this contrast is too simple. There is a more or less continuous scale of development from the least industria-lized to the most industrialized nations; there are some very important nations, including both China and India, which hemselves stretch from areas of primitive agriculture to areas of advanced industrialization.

A more useful division would separate the world into three groups, the developed, the developing and the undeve-loped. There are some countries, for instance South Korea, Brazil and Mexico, which are developing extremely rapidly. There are others, including all the poorest countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America, where the conditions for development do not exist at present and can hardly be brought into existence before the end of this century at the earliest.

The world has a population of about four billion people.
Rather more than one billion live in developed countries.
Considerably more than a bilnow developing quite rapidly and can expect to have reached the developed stage by about the end of the century. In a period of some 25 years the world will move from being perhaps 25 to 30 per cent developed to being perhaps 50 to 60 per cent developed. As the populations of these countries are rising, this would involve at least the quadrupling of the real incomes of 1.5 to 2 billion people in 25 years.

The problems of adjusting to greater than were the com-parable problems of adjusting to world development since the

include competition for markets, competition for scarce raw materials and food and in particular competition for energy.

A comparison of wage rates will give some idea of the disparity of living standards and labour costs that exists at present. It is very hard to find reliable comparable statistics, but the electronics industry has very considerable experience of making components in the chespest labour areas. I have made inquiries in Britain, the United States and Hongkong to try and establish the range of labour costs. Most of the lowest cost work in electronics is done

The cost per day is probably least in Malaysia, where it is pur at \$2; in South Korea it is \$2; in Mexico it is \$4.50; in the 52; in Recito it is \$4.50; in the United Ringdom it is \$17; in Japan and France it is about \$35 and in the United States and Germany it is about \$45. These figures should be treated only as approximations; they are minimum labour costs. minimum labour costs, nor actual wages paid.

It does not follow that invest-ment will automatically move to the area of lowest labour cost. It cannot be assumed that skills if cannot be assumed that skills are equal, that productivity is equal or that political risks are equal. (In fact productivity in low wage countries is often high, and there are few or no restrictive practices.) There are hidden costs in lack of courted when was manufacturer in the construction of the control of the cost of the control of the cost of when one manufactures in a very distant country and there are travelling costs. Manufac-turers like to have all stages of a system equally reliable. Nevertheless it is true that

the order of 20 to one, and there is now quite a wide range of electronic goods of a relatively simple kind which have to be manufactured in the developing countries because it is impossible for developed countries to compete with these low labour costs.

These figures do not, however. only indicate labour cost; they indicate in an approximate way the purchasing power of indus-trial workers in the different countries. There is a strong long term tendency for the purchas-ing power of industrial workers are reasons for thinking that ing power of industrial workers in different countries to move towards parity. After the war the purchasing power of an American worker was more than double that of a European worker and the European worker's purchasing power was several times that of a Japanese worker. With the exception of the United Kingdom, where of the United Kingdom, where we have serious problems of we have serious problems of productivity, these rates have now come approximately into line with each other. We of course have fallen back relative to all countries except the United States, and have falled to advance relative to the United States.

Communism seems to have a depressing effect on productivity and earning power—the gap between West German and gap between West German and East German standards of living reflects the relative inefficiency of even the world's highest arade communist economy. Nevertheless China by the year 2000 will probably be a developed industrial country of over one billion people, even if a relatively poor one.

If Mexico and Brazil are going to be developed countries by the year 2000 they will by then have a purchasing power Malaysia has a straight labour by the year 2000 they will by cost advantage over the then have a purchasing power United States and Germany of at least moving up to equality

with that of other developed double present real prices for countries. The strain that will oil by 1990, and all countries be put on world resources of face a comparable rise in avermost raw materials will be very great. Obviously the competition for raw materials will cause real prices to rise. That alone will rend to reduce the real incomes of the existing developed coun-

It is not possible to say at what price supply and demand for oil will come into balance when 60 per cent of the world's population are living in devel-oped industries countries. There are reasons for grading that such a balance is possible, without bringing world development completely to a halt. The Swedes, who live in a cold climate, enjoy much the same standard of living as the Americans but use only half as much energy per bead. There is therefore a very substantial opportunity for reduction in anergy use without loss of real benefit, and further substantial rises in prices will encourage economy

There are further oil supplies with established or feasible technologies which will become economic at prices no more than approxi-mately double the present. A: 520 a barrel, oil from tar sands, from shale, and from coal, as well as ultra-deep oil have a potential for multiplying the effective oil reserves of the

It is the adjustment that will be difficult, even if the absolute supply of energy is less sharply restricted than it sometimes made out to be. the adjustment is made through prices, then the oil consuming industrial countries must expect to pay at least

age raw material costs, including food. Adjustments to earlier in-

dustrial development were made in the postwar period on a basis of American economic leadership and free trade. American economic leadership has declined as a force and will continue to decline, as other countries catch up. Free trade is now threatened not only by the need to adjust to the advance of more than another billion veople into industrialization but also by the momentum of Japan. The American home market, like the European, is threatened both by the pro-ducts of cheap labour from the developing world, and by the products of very high techno-logy alked to very high man-agerial efficiency from Japan. So far the American response

has been to protect the home market by devaluing the dollar, and the progressive devaluation is continuing. The American public may well insist on other public may well insist on other measures to defend their standard of living since the devaluation of the dollar has in fact failed to correct the United States balance of payments deficit, which has continued to grow. Already we all live in a highly competitive world—though the British seem insufficiently awake to it; we are all moving into a very much more competitive world. The Americans will not want to re-Americans will not want to reduce their standard of living in

order to compete in it. In the next American cyclical depression, probably in the second half of next year, the pressures for direct protection will become very strong and they will also be very strong in

the European Community is a sufficiently large regional area to be able to form an effective protectionist block, an option that is not open to European countries individually and is not oren in the same way to Japan, Protectionism could have a rational purpose to control the rate at which economic adjustments are made so that social adjustments can keep pace with them. The temptation would be to use protection to defend the Aucompetent and to close man kets to the poor.

Japan's efficiency and Korea's cheap labour may make protec-tionism unavoidable, but buth the economic and political price for protectionism always proves for protectionism always proves heavier than one expects. In particular, protectionism offers no good hope for rue economic or political future of Japan; all the other solutions which Japan might seek represent a considerable threat to expenditure of the protection of the protectio stability of the world economic

Britain's position is par larly difficult, apart from 74, advantage of having the supply of oil from the North Sea. of oil from the North Sea. Britain has been a weak com-peritor in a period when comperition has come mainly from countries with wage levels similar to or higher than our own, Our weakness has largely been caused by restrictive labour practices, resulting in low investment and low productivity. Unless British productivity can be increased by at least the world average rate, we have so chance—with or without pro-tection—of maintaining our liv-ing standards now that a billion people prapared to work for less than S5 a day are claiming their rightful place in the sun.

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#### Lord Chalfont

## Will the Commons hear the alarm bells, too?

It would be unwise for the Government to dismiss its defeat in the House of Lord's defence debate iast week as a matter of no importance. It was, as the Lord Privy Seal conceded in tones of sepulchral reproof, a vote of censure; and he might have added, although he did not, that there are circumstances in which it could lead to the early fall of the Government:

Let me explain in a little more this somewhat esoturic detail proposition.

The resolution before the House, moved by the leader of the Conservaplanned cuts of £267m in the defence oudget and to honour its pledge to Nato to increase its military expenditure by 3 per cent in real

In brave attempts to save the Government from a straightforward defeat, two Labour backbenchers, Lord Shepherd and Lord Shinwell, tabled amendments designed to tabled amendments designed to remove or midgate the element of censure Lord Shepherd's amendment was decisively rejected, Lord Shinwell's was withdrawn, and the House carried Lord Carrington's resolution by 163 votes to 71, in spite of a three line whip on the Government side.

So far, there is nothing very surprising about this—the Conservatives can always, without help from anyone, muster a substantial majority in the House of Lords—especially on an issue as emotive as defence.

On this occasion, however, they were able to count on quite substantial help from other quarters. Most independent peers who voted, voted for the Opposition. So, and this is the really important factor, did the Liberal Party, almost to a man. Both its principal speakers, Lord Gladwyn and Lord Banks, unambiguously com-mitted the Liberal Party to full support of the Opposition's cause.

The significance of this will, I imagine, not be lost upon Mrs Therefor. If she should now decide to table a motion of censure in simi-iar terms in the House of Commons, iar terms in the House of Commons, it is scarcely conceivable that the Liberal Party there would repudiate the view of its colleague in the House of Lords (their votes were presimably not cast without some consultation with the party leadership); and if the Government were defeated on an issue of this magnitude, it is surely inconceivable that it would remain in office.

There is a very real sense in which this would be a just and fitting end to the present Government. The reali-ties of our impoverished military defences were spelled out in speech after speech from all quarters of the House of Lords last Wednesday. Even strong peers on the Government side,

atthough they loyally accepted the three line winn, there were expressions of deep concero.

It may be as well, for those who do not read Hansard from cover to cover to state once again, in clear and unmistakeble rerms, exactly what gives rise to this concern.

The heart of the matter is the constant growth in the strength and efficiency of the armed forces of the Soviet Union and its allies in the Warsaw Pact. This is evident in the case of long-range nuclear missiles, in which the Russians have now achieved a position of equality with the United States; in maritime forces, where in the past ten years there has been a dramatic transformation of the Soviet Navy and its supporting mercantile marine from an insignificant coastal force into the second greatest ocean-going fleet in the world; and in the land and air forces on the European from, where the Warsaw Pact has now d a demonstrable and alarming superiority over Nato in almost every significant aspect of military

power.

What is most disturbing about this last development is that it has given the Russians the ability to launch, if

the local police, sometimes aided by British troops, emerge

triumphant over the rampant hordes would be a fine attrac-

tion for visitors as well as pro-viding a moral lesson for the

The importance they attach to

image explain why such vulnerable islands are sensitive

to press reporting. I once

wrote what I thought was a

light-hearted piece about holi-days in the Sevchelles, saying

that, to judge from the publi-

city, the place sounded terribly dull, I and The Times received

seemed, almost anyone who had

A single careless word can be

damaging. Visiting Antigua during the Queen's tour I' described it as "flyblown". There were a lot of flies on the

beach outside my hotel, and my

ankles proved a prime target for biting insects, but I suppose

When I returned, a friend

indigment letters from,

ever been there.

they should ever wish to, what the military planners call "an attack by forces in place without prior reinforcement". Translated into simple English this means, for all practical purposes, a surprise attack; and most people who know anything about the subject know that such an attack would result in a matter of a artack would result, in a matter of a few days at most in a nuclear war, or the presence of Russian forces on the Rhine, or both.

For it is arguable that the massive accretion of Russian strength has been organized with the clear strategic aim of undermining the defendance of the control of the contr sive capacity of the West, and that this aim is now very close to be at echieved. Nam defensive plans are pradicated upon on a relatively pro-longed period of warning of attack arising from enemy troop movements. logistical activity, political indicators and a general, progressive increase in international tension:

With the benefit of this warning with the benefit of his warning time, Nato, it is supposed, would be able to move its troops and equipment from their barracks to their operational areas (in this context it is relevant that most of the Dutch contingent is housed in barracks in contingent is housed in barracks in
The Netherlands, three days away
from its defensive positions). Reinforcements would be moved forward
to bring fighting formations up to
strength; reserves would be mobilized,
and weapons and equipment
recovered from storage and what is
called "heavy preservation".

All this, of course, is absolutely sn'endid so long as the Russians do not calculate that they could achieve some worthwhile military gain without giving Nato the necessary warning time to make all its elaborate disposi-

Similarly, Soviet maritime strategy is rendering obsolete many other cherished assumptions of Nato strategic thinking. The doctrine based on adequate warning time has led Western planners to proceed on the assumption that a war on land in Western Europe could be prolonged

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for as much as 30 days or, in some contingencies, even longer. During this period heavy reinforcements would be despatched from the United States to Europe by sea.

Now, even those who are prepared to accept the somewhat fanciful concept of a prolonged conventional struggle on the mandant of Europe, struggle on the manlant of Europe, are surely not ready to believe that the powerful force of nuclear powered Russian submarines is going to allow an unhindered flow of men and materials across the Atlantic Allied losses would be, to say the very least, crippling. Furthermore, as the Soviet Union pursues its grand strategy of picking off individual countries in Asia and Africa and gradually establishing naval bases and facilities all over the world. Russian planners are creating a net-work of power which would enable them, at a time of crisis, to interrupt vital communications and supplies of

men, ar a nine of criss, to interrupt vital communications and supplies of oil from the Middle East, without which no war in Western Europe could be sustained for very long.

Those who still believe that this is an overpessimistic analysis ("doon-watching", "worst case scenarios", "reds-under the-bed" etc) should recall that I wrote earlier in this article that I wrote earlier in this article that the Soviet strategic aim is now very close to being achieved. It has, in my view, not yet been full realized.

There must still be fearful uncertainties in the minds of any Russian planners who may be contemplating the use of their overwhelming utilitary force against the West. Ebt. the trend is clear, and it is deeply disturbing. Every day the balance moves a little more against

is deeply disturbing. Every day the balance moves a little more against the West, and unless it is soon redressed the Soviet Union will be in a position to win one of its greatest strategic prizes, namely the isolation of Western Eurone from the United States, ins "Finlandization" and eventual subjugation, without the need to move a single soldier or fire a single shot.

Meanwhile the governments of the West, and especially of Western

Europe, begin to resemble the crew of some latter day Titanic engaged in an obscure industrial dispute, apparently unaware of, or at least prepared to ignore, what lies in their

Of course any civilized government must seek to pur an end to the insanity of the arms race, to reduce the ludicrously swollen stockpiles of nuclear weapons and eventually, so far as it is within the power of human beings to do, remove for ever the squalid obscenity of war. But to believe that any of this can be ment or a position of demonstrable military weakness is totally to m understand the relentless dynamism

of Soviet foreign policy.

It was against this background that 163 members of the House of Lords last week delivered a verdict of no confidence in a Government which has presided over dispropor-tionate and dangerous cuts in defence expenditure, the steady erosion of our contribution to the security of the western sillance, and the reducton of the morale of our fighting forces to a level which would horrify the people of this country if it were not being conceased from them by politicians who calculate that they can rely upon the ingrained and unshakeable loyalty of the officers

and men of the three services.

It will be interesting to note, in the weeks abead, if the leaders of the Conservative and Liberel parties in the House of Commons feel the same profound alarm about this as their colleagues in the House of

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In the article "Why the Russians saw red over the Venice Biennale" by Joseph Godson published on November 12, last, the author would like it to be known that parts of it were based on an article which appeared in The New York Review of Books on July 14 last, by Furio Colombo.

## **Christmas fare** or unfair?



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#### Cynically and with a knowing return to Montego Bay (the wink, my friends tell me I have nicest, incidentally, of all the a tough life. Due to the places I have mentioned) and they have had to be inred by enthusiasm of Bermuda's youth the cheap package tours which for a spot of street action, and many resorts, anxious to pre-serve their image, try to avoid. to the Queen's penchant for Caribbeau travel, I have spent When a suicable period has elapsed, I suppose, the directors of tourism will find a way to exploit the disturbances. A son et lumiere production in which

The images tend to blur. Was it the Bahamas or Bermuda where I had that ludicrously expensive meal in an old colonial mansion? Tortola or Barbados where I stayed in a luxurious four-roomed apartment looking out to sea and found a parrot flapping in the roof? Antigua or Montego Bay where I bought the shirt made from an old flour sack?

much of my time lately in

propical boliday islands.

The distinctions are unimportant. From this orgy of island-hopping I have arrived at some tentative conclusions on the subject of fine-weather holidays and those who take theur.

The first is that resorts are right to worry as they do about their image. As the Bermuda incident showed, at the first hint of trouble tourists leave in droves. Rioting in the streets may be exciting enough for the natives, but it is the last thing you want on holiday, unless you are of a peculiarly adventurous

Moreover, the experience of Jamaica, which had rather the word was a bit extreme, worse trouble a year or two When I returned a frie ago, shows that the stigma takes a time to wear off. Only now are tourists beginning to

expect he will have a lovely

I have enjoyed some splendidly quiet holidsys at island resorts, but I have often felt a speaking sense of relief when climbing on the plane for home. I think it is chiefly because the islands are so small. There is, you might think, nothing wrong with being small, but you would be mistaken.

To someone who knows how to live only in large, impersonal cities, small isolated communities are enormously unsettling. There is something almost indecent about a country where everybody knows everyone and where therefore anyone who is not recognized is an interioper. Even if I do not sport the bright shirts and tartae sports profisers, which are the uniform of an American courist, I cannot pre-tend to belong, and I feel an easy prey for those who do. .

One example. In Bermuda I was going by that to the Cabiner Office and the driver asked me casually what I thought of the deputy premier. I said I did not know the man and thus had no view which, as it turned out, was fortunate.

"He's my brother", the driver explained. All too cosy by haif. It depends, I suppose, on what you want to do on holiday. The one thing Americans seem to want to do almost incessantly is stop: which is odd, because questioned me worriedly, that is what they spend a large because he had reuted a cottage part of their time doing back in Autigua for Christmas. I home.



Yet you see them staggering on to the planes home with packs of five bottles of liquor : straw latt, the shirts and head scarves that they will never wear; basket-weave table mats which are cheaper at Macey's: ornaments made from sea shells which will not realistically fit in with the decor of their ranch style family houses in Teaneck, New Jersey.

Meanwhile the taxi driver headlines this year. When he and his brother the deputy was summarily ejected from the Washington Embassy to make way for the Prime Minister's son-in-law, many thought that his trensfer to an apparatum souvenir shops, small streets in a small and

contentedly and wait for the next planeload of customers. Sir Peter Ramsbotham is finding it quire difficult to make the switch from being an Ambassador representing a government to being Bermuda's Governor, and thus in theory a government in his own right. Although he points out modestly that governors are not what they used to be, when they could strat wround he is the point at which the buck stops on decisions such as the one to ask for British troops. Charring in his pink nineteenth century mansion, with ics superb hilltop views, Sir Peter said that the difference between his present and former

roles was that in one he makes decisions while in the other he bakes decisions. I cannot now remember which was which. He is a gental Old Etonian of the kind whose sense of fuzzour the word "impish" was invented to describe. He

affects great pride at being not just Governor but also Com-mender in Chief, with a regi-ment and small boat under his After a long career in dip-lomacy, carried out in the con-ventional unobtrusive memors, Sir Peter has twice made the

to injury. Yet almost as soon as he arrived he made from pege news again until now, as he nears sixty, he is probably Britain's best-known diplomat with the possible exception of the man who replaced him in Washington.

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The Army likes to exploit its summonses to expect grouble spots as an aid to recruiting in Britain. That is why two public relations people (including, mysteriously, one from the Royal Navy, who were not not involved) flew out with the proops to Bermuda.

When they arrived they found that the local government wanted the soldiers to keep a low profile. Acutely embarrassed, both men went to ground for an entire day. refusing to return reporters phone calls.

They eme-ged shamefacedly at the bar of one of the press ing thirsty reporters in tradi-tional PR style and at British tional PR style and at British taxpaperist expenses. They were not allowed to leave before promising to let us into the camp the next day and sure anough they did, exposing to the public gaze the right of a lot of solders bething. It's a man's life, all right.

Thought for insestigative re-porters, inspired by what I have seen so far of the "repelations" in the official files on the Kennedy assassination: just because some thing it secret, it is not necessarily interesting.

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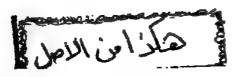
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## MR FRASER VINDICATED

lost more than a handful of seats, and he may even come out of the election with as big a majority as in 1975, itself a record. A few observers think he may top it. In the Senate, half of which is reelected, he is likely to have an adequate majority. adequate majority.

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· Those who thought he was unwise to call an early election have been confuted. But at one time this judgment was borne out by the peculiar oscillations of the opinion polls, and the misadventure of Mr Fraser's campaign. It certainly looked la if the electorate were initially displeased with being bounced into pronouncing an early verdict on the Government's shaky record, and at one stage Mr Whitlam seemed to be winning. On election eve the polls were again predicting a modest victory for Mr Fraser.

What went right for Mr Fraser? What went wrong for Mr Whitlam? The off-the-cuff explanation is that the electorate have not after two years

Labour Party will not be precisely known until the second
preference votes are all distribated, but he is unlikely to have

because the Government has so regard, ralia, like all countries of whiteand stability, but then on settlement, is anything but
reflection decided that a new militant and revolutionary in
Whitlam invertude would prosentiment these days; Mr Whitduce even less stability, in fact a return to the tension and conflicts of the first Whitlam interlude. Indeed, it may be argued that they were really voting for Sir Robert Menzies and the halcyon retrospect of the 1950s.

Such an interpretation is even borne out by the phenomenon of Mr Chipp and his Democrats. They polled well, if nor as well as voting intentions suggested, and Mr Chipp won a seat in the senate. The Chipp party is a kind of moralistic liberalism, and it collected a lot of protest votes from both major parties, but mostly from Labour; the distribution of preferences suggests that their second choice is heavily for the Liberals. In a roundabout way Mr Fraser has been told he must do better, and he must humanize his policies, but he is to be given time

This is a picture, all in all, of a preponderantly conservative society. It may surprise many who read of the strikes, the union power, the egalitarianism of Australia. But the coterie of forgotten the Cabinet upsets, of Australia. But the coterie of to be purely scandals and financial: mismanagement of Mr Whitlam's not representative; they express might be the fact that everyone feels an electorate could observe, from obligation to join one but nobody reform.

So Mr Malcolm Fraser was right the last leadership comest, that can be bothered to go to branch after all. He has comfortably his own party had little conmeetings and control them. The won the extension of time he didence in Mr Whitlam. It looks the result is appalling, and causes wants, and conceivably more as initially the electorate and stability over the Australian because the Government has so far failed to deliver prosperity, ralia, like all countries of white and stability but then on settlement is anything but lam's attempt to accommodate or reeducate this attitude with his dynamic " democratic socialism " has run aground. The immigrants, coming from socialistic backgrounds and largely reliant on small business in their rich new environment, are probably more to the right than the older residents. It is a middle-class, materialistic, moderate, society that begins to see it is well-off and has a lot to lose in a dangerous and predatory world.

Mr Fraser must now address himself to getting a grip on inflation, that snake in all middleclass paradises. If he can he bids fair to emulate Sir Robert Meuziers long reign. Mr Whit-lam has bowed out. Mr Hayden may make a good successor. But it is Mr Robert Hawke, who is both federal trade union overlord and federal Labour Party president, who must reconsider the Labour role in face of this massive restatement of political artitude by his fellow countrymen. To react by allowing them to be punished by more labour trouble and Marxist malarkey might be unwise. Mr Fraser has a mandate for trade union

### SHIPS IN A BUYERS' MARKET

Later today Parliament and the have entered into an open-ended public should have a good deal commitment to build ships for more information about the terms of the controversial £115m Polish shipbuilding deal. Mr. Callaghan, who nailed his colours to the Polish mast on the eve of this year's Labour Party conference, has been less than forthright in parliamentary exchanges and his ministers, in the persons of Mr Variey and Mr Kaufman, bave been equally reticent on the details of the deal under which order-starved British shipyards will build 24 vessels for Poland in the next

two years. The debate today provides the first real opportunity to question ministers. Parliament, should seize it. It is of paramount importance that the Government provides the full facts of the expenditure involved in securing the deal, for it is already clear that the cost to the taxpayer will be substantial. Six months ago the House of Lords was told that details would be given once the contract was signed, and the Government would be less than frank-given that the framework of the package has already been agreed and signed-if it did not

now clarify the terms. There has been a reluctance on the part of all those involved to explain in detail the terms of the deal. Ministers have spoken of the 8,000 man-years of work which the Polish package will provide, but, from the state-ments so far, the Government and so the taxpayer appear to

From an empty

Last Thursday The Times damag-ingly showed on its front page how the House of Commons, from the

Treasury bench down to the newest back benchers, can reduce demo-

oath benchers, can reduce demo-cratic parliamentary government to apparent farce. The method could not have been simpler. Before the House was the undeni-ably important constitution Bill to transfer some Westminster powers to an independent assembly in Ediphyrid and perham beein the

Edinburgh, and perhaps begin the breakup of the United Kingdom. As the guillotine fell on clause

argument or contribute to it. At the lowest, there were only 18 ministers.

Opposition front benchers and back

baked form of proportional representation, or by the familiar

Erst-past-the-post system. There will be a free you all round, and no

At all hours, the House will be fassonably full, and the vote will be high when the division bells

ring. Both the main parties will be split, but the first-past-the-post

system is virtually certain to win hands down. It will be regarded, no

doubt, as democratically admirable.

David Wood

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commitment to build ships for Poland providing 100 per cent credit; with a direct subsidy, equivalent to £4,000 for every man involved; and with the ships that are built having the capacity to compete with the British merchant marine and those of

other western nations.
Other nations manifestly shied away from the order when the Poles explained their onerous financial requirements. But the Government, presumably with an eye on constituency interests and an approaching general election, has strained to meet the Polish demands. In spite of a direct subsidy of some £28m on the contract, some workers in the Tyne yards are persisting in their demands for parity with other trades in the same yards. By that Tyneside may be deprived of the seven ships that were to be placed there. This would have the effect of seriously undermining the already shaky economics of the entire deal.

The Opposition has sought unsuccessfully to persuade one or other of Parliament's select committees to investigate the circumstances leading to the order. Ministers have been hiding behind a veil of "commercial confidentiality". This simply will not do. Public money is involved and the country has a right to. know the extent of the commitments being entered into on its

There are other questions

lution has from the beginning been Intion has from the beginning been a question of party power and electioneering. When Mr Heath, as Opposition leader, went to the Scottish Conservative conference in Perth during May, 1968, he found party morale desperately low, and he accepted the hypothesis that a Conservative recovery in Scotland could be helped by a sham tartan electoral cry.

By autumn that year Mr Wilson, who knew that Labour power would more often than not depend on winning most of the 71 Scottish seats at Westminster, made his counter bid. The Scots were being told, in round terms, that they now held

oud. The Scots were being told, in round terms, that they now held the balance of Westminster power, an argument that the Scottish National Party could not fail to turn to account. Mr Heath and Mr Wilson helped in the free launching of SNP broading their water face. of SNP, knowing they must face each other at Birham Wood in 1970. As Scottish devolution during the late 1960s established itself in the policies of government and alterna-tive government for unashamed elective government for unashaned elec-toral reasons, so has the main party opposition to proportional repre-sentation in the 1970s. Mr Callag-han, as Prime Minister, and his party managers, temporarily need at Westminster, on occasion, the sup-port of 11 SNP MPs and the 13 Liberals if they are to be free to choose an unforced date for the next seneral election. Therefore next general election. Therefore devolution comes now, although hardly any Labour MP can be found to say he believes in it heart

benchers attending; at the highest, there were only 78. All the rest absented themselves and waited to vote as the Whips ordered. It was quite disgraceful. By possing a time table motion MPs had ordained that and soul. No less, Mr Callaghan and Mrs t was their votes not their voices, Thatcher, along with their party managers and a majority of their that should count.

A. similar "attendance table" tomorrow night would be instructive. The House will be settling whether the United Kingdom should managers and a majority of their parliamentary rank and file, want at all costs to avoid the uncertain-ties of any form of PR designed to restore the Westminster fortunes of vote in direct elections to the Euro-pean Parliament either by the regional list system, with its halfthe Liberal Party, or even to pro-mote the future of the National

Mr Callaghan is obliged at pre-sent to offer the concession of PR in the European Assembly Bill to keep Mr Steel and the Liberals in his camp, although he makes it well knowing that a mejority of the Com-mons will save him by rejecting it on a free vote that will leave the Lib-Lab pact uncompromised. Mrs. Thatcher, in Opposition, has nothing immediately to gain from Mr Steel and the Liberals, and therefore can go straight for Conservative interest by sticking stubbornly to the first

That I take leave to doubt.

The behaviour of the Commons on the two Bills will be utterly different, though the motives will be identical. We stand within a twelvemonth of a general election, and therefore party leaders and past the post system.
Undoubtedly Mrs Thatcher's posttion has been weakening. Today
between 60 and 80 Conservative
MPs, not all back benchers, assoand therefore party leaders and rank and file are preoccupied with ciare themselves in varying degrees with the general cause of PR, on the tacrics of power. Scottish devo-

about the contract which need to be answered. What is the extent of the penalty clauses if the shippards fail to deliver the required two ships each month in 1979? On what minimum freight rates will the ships be operated by the Polish state shipping company once chartered from the joint British-Polish holding company? Are there provisions to prevent the ships competing with western merchant vessels in the cross-shipping trades between third countries? British Shipbuilders has sought assurances of cooperation and industrial peace from those involved in constructing the £115m fleet of vessels. In view of the Con-federation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unious' impending claim for a substantial wage increase, it has to be asked what those assurances are worth. British Shipbuilders must spell out its rationalization of shipbuilding capacity over the next few years to conform with the EEC Commission's policy, and MPs will require to know whether orgent reforms of the structure of the industry will be postponed · · · Ministers have insisted that the

Polish deal has been cleared by the EEC Commission, which monitors questions relating to unfair competition. If this is so, then details of the agreement denied so far to Parliament must have been provided by British ministers. Parliament cannot be content with less information than the European Commission.

the argument that the anti-socialist vote must be maximized for longvote must be maximized for long-term reasons, even if there are short-term disadvantages to the Conservative Party. Industry and the City have increasingly hinted that they would find it easier to subscribe to a party committed to PR and a broader anti-socialism, although this factor is commonly

exaggerated.

But Mrs Thatcher and the Conservative front bench have a critical general election to fight within a year, and it is too much to ask them in Opposition to take a theoretic stand on an issue that could even tually place an anti-Conservative Liberal Party in a position where, as now, it exercises the balance of power over any Government's policy

An overwhelming majority of Westminster back benchers privately share the judgment, open or hidden, of Labour and Conservative leaders and perty managers. On a first-pastthe post system, they can always roughly calculate their own electoral chances; on any system of PR many of them think they would be at risk. They therefore cling to the electoral map and the electoral rules they know, which prescribe a general election as a contest essentially between the two main parties, one of which will clearly provide the gov-ernment, and the other the alternative government.

On that argument, no concession should be made to the Liberal Party on PR in any thin-end-of-the-wedge legislation. If it were, then the Scortish devolution Bill illustrates the danger. Give an inch, and you surrender a mile. Better stand and

fight. Better be Petain at Verdun and say; "They shall not pass."
Nevertheless, in all reason, for the European Parliament's first direct elections, considered on their own, an element of PR carries no immediate descript to the tree main parties. ate dangers to the two main parties and has much to recommend it. First, except for rabid anti-Community politicians, it is better European elections that are demon-strably unavoidable come early rather than late, and the Government's proposed regional list system is manifestly the quicker method. Secondly, subsequent rounds of European elections will in any event have to be on a uniform system throughout the Community, and nobody doubts that the European choice then will be some form of PR. So tomorrow's Commons division, on a long view, is irrelevant in all except terms of party power. But, at any rate, if it is any satisfac-tion, there will be a crowded House for it.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Curbing the sale

of pornography
From the President of the Publications Control Board Sir, The Chief Constable of Greater Manchester in his recent letter (December 5) teils us how "in otder to combat harmful obscenity" this officers in a period of just less than 10 months "carried out 264 reads on bookshops, other shops, stalls and warehouses" and seized stalls and warehouses" and seized "160,500 articles (books, magazines and films) alleged to be pornographic or obscene" with a total renal face value of £211,500, adding with apparent pride that in one police division 38 raids on 13 bookshops resulted in their complete closure. He continues "I have been publicly criticized by persons who do not approve of the manner in which I choose to exercise my discretion to enforce the law".

In this he is right, I criticized

him both at a public meeting in Menchester on October 13, when I was an impertial chairmen, and three weeks later in a relevision programme. He was invited to both but, to my regret, declined both

invitations.

At the public meeting I heard harrowing accounts from shop-keepers, which no one disputed, of how in these raids police officers had forcibly ejected customers, locked doors, seized quantities of books and magazines, rafused to provide receipts, and even in some cases searched private spartments. If this is the manner in which the Chief Constable chooses to exercise his discretion to enforce the law I think that criticism is fully justified. His criticism is fully justified. His criticism is fully justified. His criticism by the Council, a W. H. Smith warehouse and a Tesco "hypermarket".

He should now tell us how many

a W. H. Smith warehouse and a Tesco "hypermarket".

He should now tell us how many cases arising from these raids have come to the courts, and how many resulted in convictions: also how many cases were brought under Section 2 of the Obscene Publications Act of 1959, which allows for trial by jury, and how many under Section 3 which does not. In many cases brought under Section 2 there have been verdicts of acquittal, and juries are held to be representative of public opinion.

Like the Chief Constable I am glad that the law relating to obscenity is now under scrutiny. If he is right in implying that the present law "puts upon the police the responsibility of exercising a wholly subjective judgment on aspects of human behaviour and attitude..." the sooner it is changed the better.

Publishers of this kind of material for adults have publicly stated that if their publications contravene the law they should be charged with an offence, not the distributor or retailer. Being aware of their social responsibilities they have set up an independent Publications Control Board in ensure that suidelines which they have accepted, and which are based on court decisions, are fully observed, and to exercise effective sanctions within reasonable limits than punimical publications within reasonable limits than punimical publications. more likely to keep publications within reasonable limits than puni-tive action by the police which takes a lot of police time and does not always result in convictions in the

Yours faithfully, TORN TREVELYAN, President, Publications Control Board, 11 Soho Square, W1. December 9.

#### Taxis at Heathrow

From Mr Jasper Parrott Sir, Do the authorities at Heathrow Airport know that their rules for the regulation of taxis collapse into the regulation of taxis collapse into a free for all after 10 pm when supervision ends? This was explained to me the other night by a taxi driver after I had witnessed an unseemly melee in which taxis arrived with their biring lights switched off to enable the drivers to canvass the waiting crowd for the best fares, leaving the innocent and inexperienced lamenting the passing of the English queue along with so many other traditional British virtues. The scene would have done credit to Naples in a bus strike.

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to Naples in a bus strike.

One doss, of course, have a lot of sympathy for the taxi drivers who may have to wait during the day for several hours in the taxi pool before they are able to get a fare at all; even then they can be unlucky enough to pick up a passenger for somewhere very close like Soutball.

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Very clearly they think they have a grievance and people with grievances normally end up by losing both respect for the law and for people in general. It is obvious that the whole system needs a radical review.

Yours sincerely JASPER PARROTT, 22 Hillgate Street, WS.

#### Aftermath of Grunwick From Mr Joe Rogaly

Sir, In his review of my Penguin on Grunwick (December 8) Mr Jo Grimond says that I want the unions "to be given some sort of official position in our policical

This is precisely the opposite of the argument in my book.

What I actually advocate is a new constitutional settlement, part of which would be an arrangement whereby the unions would become just as subject to the rule of law as all other groups in society. If I may quote from page 164 of my book, I say "this absence of any clearly stated code of laws setting out both the rights and the responsibilities of trade mions is the most glaring omission in current British law, weakening the protection that our constitution can offer to trade unions, companies, individual workers and indeed all citizens.".

This is in tune with Lord Scar-man's 1974 Hamlyn Lactures, and the general point does seem to me the fundamental lesson of the Grunwick dispute. Yours faithfully, JOE ROGALY, Bracken House. Cannon Street, EC4.

#### Labour and the National Front

From Mr Tim Miller Sir, From Humphry Berkeley's letter today (December 10) your readers might think that Hackney North and Stoke Newington is about to return a National Front MP. But at the GLC election in May the National Front candidate got only 6.9 per cent of the poll. And at a recent local government by election they achieved only 7.3 And at a recent local government by-election they achieved only 7.3 per cent. True, this was more than the Communist and Liberal candidates combined; but 36 per cent of the voters voted for one of the two main parties. The National Front remains firmly on the fringe.

But if the Left continues to single out the National Front it is playing into the National Front's hands. A policy of confrontation—whether it be implemented as a demonstration against a murch, or an attempt to prayent a meeting, or a party

to prevent a meeting, or a party political broadcast, or a resolution that the Representation of the People Act be amended to deny racialist candidates rights available People Act be amended to deny racialist candidates rights available to others—is precisely what the National Front wants. There is nothing a bully likes better than being put in the position of victim. There is nothing the National Front likes more than being able to see themselves as martyrs for a cause. I sometimes wonder if National Front activists adopt their repulsive policies largely because they have a deep-seated need to be hated. Certainly they like fomenting a fight. At the count of the votes after both the GLC election and the recent by-election National Pront people in Hackney Town Hall did their best to cause trouble by making offensive racialist remarks of a kind that certainly made me want to hit them. That is exactly what they wanted me to do. I didn't, and nother should the Labour Purty.

Yours faithfully,
TIM MILLER.

Yours faithfully,
TIM MILLER,
Prospective Conservative Parliamentary Candidate. Hackney Nurth and Stoke Newington,
74 Lissenden Mansions,
Lissenden Gardens, NWS.
December 10.

From Professor J. A. Rex Sir, In the somewhat surprising dis-cussion which has surrounded the Labour Party's recent party poli-tical broadcast on the National Front, there is one issue which has received too little attention. This is the questionable relationship which exists between a programme on the importance of countering racism and the Labour Party's policies for the

inner city.

As a responsible research worker in this field I do not want to say anything which will make matters more difficult for those who have to take policy decisions. None the less there is a fundamental umbiguity about the white paper policy for the inner cities which should be clari-fied. Some think that the white paper represents a set of proposals for reducing racial tension by providing greater opportunities for dis-advantaged immigrants and other deprived groups. In fact, however, the white paper studiously avoids a discussion of immigrant problems, while proposing, in a section on population movement, that the retired and those with lesser industrial skills should be moved to the periphery at the very time that attempts are being made to improve employment, opportunities, in the employment opportunities in the inner city. Nothing is said about a serious and systematic inquiry into what is going on in the largely segregated primary and secondary schools in the inner city and about the possibility that the children who are passing through them might be prepared for apprenticeships and for the more skilled jobs which hope-fully will become available in the

inner city.

If the Department of Environment in conjunction with the Department of Education and Science devotes itself to this question, there is the possibility that a connection will be established between the inner city established between the inner city policy and improving race relations. So far as the present white paper stands however, one reading could be that what is proposed is a commetic improvement of the environment of the inner city together with pressure to remove the troublesame immigrants and retired populations for whom present policies have failed. Some clarification on these issues from Mr Peter Shore is urgently necessary. urgently necessary. Yours faithfully, JOHN REX.

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E3m less than it planned to in

the financial year ended last March". But that item would not have fitted the image he was trying

Mr Levin is an excellent writer, an amusing writer, and occasionally a perspicacious writer. It is a pity

he gers carried away by his own verbiage and loses the ability to distinguish fact from fiction. If he

really wants to know what Camden is like, perbaps he will pay us a

to create of the power-mad, profligates of Camden.

Department of Sociology, University of Warwick. Coventry, December 9.

#### Camden costs From the Leader of Camden

Sir, In order to make a point columnists sometimes stretch the truth, presumably on the basis of the good totalitarian principle that the end justifies the means. Unfortunately Barnard Levin in his tirade against Camden on December 9, has stretched the truth so far that it has become almost non-existent.

To my knowledge he has not

To my knowledge he has not sought information directly from Camden, but has relied entirely on inaccurate and selective third party reports—always a dangerous prac-.

Space will not allow me to refute every single inaccuracy. Let me suffice with a few points as examples. The Alexandra Road scheme has not "so far soaked up " £18 m. The comparison of original costs and final expenses in costs and final expenses in the land of the costs and final expenses in the land of the costs and final expenses in the land of the costs and final estimate is totally false. The final estimate is totally false. The final estimate covers three different contracts, the original only one. The average total cost of the housing is high but not excessively so. And so on.

Mr Levin's second example con-

Steve Biko's quest

From Mr Alan Paton From Mr Alan Paton
Six. In your issue of November 23
you published an essay by the late
Mr Steve Biko on "the quest for a
true humanity". It contains the
paragraph
"Thus after years of silence we
are able to hear the familiar voice
of Alan Paragraph assign as far away as

of Alan Paran saying as far away as London. Perhaps Apartheid is worth a try."

I have never said such a thing.
The Liberal Party of South Africa
was founded in 1953 to oppose
Apartheid and more than half its
members were black. When it was
made illegal in 1968 for any person made illegal in 1968 for any person of one recial group to associate politically with any person of another group, the Party chose to disband itself rather than break into separate parties. During those 15 years I was first Chairman and later President of the Liberal Party. Apartheid is to me a denial of all that the Party stood for, and it would be impossible for me to make such a statement.

such a statement.

It was in Edinburgh, not London.
in 1971 that I said that the policy
of Separate Development should be
exploited for whatever advantage

Imprisoned in Cuba From Mr Hugh Thomas Sir, in the frequent discussions held about political prisoners there is one group which gets little attention: the political prisoners in Cuba. But even Fidel Castro has admitted there to be made at the control of t

admitted there to be many thousand

of these.

December 11, as it happens, marks the eighteenth anniversary of the trial of Major Huber Matos, the best known of these forgotten captives. Matos was a comrade-inarms of Castro against Batista, and was military governor of the pro-vince of Camaguev between January and October, 1959. He was sen-tenced to 20 years for "uncertain, antipatriotic and anti-revolutionary conduct". But the prosecutors did not establish that Matos had done anything against the Cuban regime, and the trial was anyway unfair since both Castro and his brother made overbearing speeches when appearing as witnesses. Matos himspectring as withesses, matter interest had to make his speech of defence at six in the morning. Since then he has been in prison, along with many others who disliked the "communization" of the Cuban revolution, in what have been by all accounts terrible conditions. Eighteen years! What crime could anyone commit which would deserve such inhumane treatment? Yet not only is there little chance of Major Matos being free before his sentence is up but there is a serious doubt whether he will be freed even when he has fulfilled his 20 years. Cuba is busy trying to

Yours sincerely, ROY SHAW, Leader of the Council, London Borough of Camden, The Town Hall, Euston Road, NWI,

could be gained from it, until it itself could be otherthrown. The first advantage would be to provide black leaders with a platform at that time denied to them, the second to restore as much as possible of the land that had been taken by conquest, both by the Boers and by the British. The first thing has happened, but not the second, and I do not in 1977 see much hope that the second will happen. the second will happen.

I realize that for many black people Apartheid and Separate Development are identical. I realize that they have common elements.
But I consider that it was not incompatible with my liberal views for
me to reject Apartheid absolutely, yet to endeavour to exploit the policy of Separate Development for whatever advantage could be gained.

When Mr Biko's statement first appeared, I wrote to him to say that I had never said that Apartheid was worth a try, and I told him what I had said. Whether he received my letter or not I caunot say, but I did not receive any reply.

Yours faithfully. ALAN PATON,

"liberate" Africa. She should be reminded that Liberty should begin

Care of Mrs Friedmann, 4A Frognal Gardens, NW3.

at home.

fours faithfully

#### HUGH THOMAS, 29 Ladbroke Grove, W11. December 9.

The Sporting Year'

From Richard Cohen From Richard Cohen
Sir, The editors of The Sporting
Year were particularly sorry when
Mr Tom Clarke, Sports Editor of
the Daily Mail, declined to allow
articles from his paper to appear in
the book. Now, in his letter to you
of December 6, he says quito
correctly that it was originally felt
that quality should not be the sole
criterion in selecting pieces for such
an anthology. an anthology.

It is unfortunate if our initial approach gave the impression that quality would suffer in the interests of variety, for as the process of selection continued the editors dis-covered they were able to maintain the highest standards while covering both a wide range of papers (though not, I would point out, a comprehensive one) and the main sporting events of the year. We did, in fact contact Mr Clarke again to assure him that in no case was the second rate being considered, and we are sure that in the final selection no outstanding article from any paper was left out of account. Yours faithfully.

RICHARD COHEN, Editor, Wm Collins and Son, Ltd., 14 St James's Place, SW1.

#### The Crown Agents inquiry

From Professor Edward Stomp

Sir, May I strongly support Mr David Howell, MP (Letters, Decemher 8) in urging that the Crown Agents inquiry should see to it that in future the Comptroller and Auditor General will be appointed from ourside the Civil Service.

There are also a number of other reforms that need to be made. On April 20, 1976, you published a fetter from me in which I com-mented on the Auditor General's involvement in the affairs of the Crown Agents. I pointed out that the Exchequer and Audit Department is not only understaffed, it is largely composed of people who lack any professional auditing experience or quantications. Indeed. nuther the present Comptroller and Auditor General not any of his pro-decessors had had any experience of public accounting or auditing prior to their appointments.

This deplorable luck of professional expertise is something which the investigators into the affairs of the Crown Agents may wish to consider, and I hope they will conclude (as I did in my letter to you 18 months ago) that we need a full-scale inquiry into the financial planning accounting and control of all ning, accounting and control of all government operations and expendito set up a Royal Commission on the financial control of government operations,

One very worrying feature of the situation is the extreordinary complicancy displayed by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, Mr Edward du Cann. He has given blanket endorsements of the Exchequer and Audit Department on several occasions, most recently in the debate in the House of Committee debate when he exclaimed the debate in the House of Com-mons last week when he exclaimed that "the whole House has total confidence in the Exchequer and Audit Department"; ability as an audit department". I think this very badly overstates the case. It is bad enough having civil servant watchdogs that do not, or cannot, bark. It is infinitely worse having a Public Accounts Committee Chair-man whose chief distinction seems to be his ability to war his rail. to be his ability to war his tail. Yours faithfully,

EDWARD STAMP, Reform Club, Pall Mall, SWI. December 8. services department. What he fails to report (and it was in the "Ham & High") is that this is at least two years old and that disciplinary action was taken by the Council.

His selectivity extends to other parts of the "Ham & High". In the same issue from which he quoted was a headline "Underspending Angers the Tories" followed by "Camden Council have spent nearly £3m less than it planned to in

#### Economic evidence From Mr William Waldegrave

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Sir, Mr David Lea, of the TUC
Economic Department, said in his
oral evidence to the Wilson Committee: "I do not think we can
say it is a black or white situation
but in the 1980s what we are
emphasizing is that we are in a
whole new bold game when we hope
we will have a growth scenario when
we believe that profitability in a
secular as well as in a cyclical sense
will be important." (Wilson Comwill be important," (Wilson Committee Evidence, Vol 2, HMSO, p 93).

Mr Lea is, I believe, Mr Len Murray's kev adviser on economic and industrial matters at a time when the TUC is expanding its ambitions towards an ever greater role in economic policy. Some even say that there is a chance that he may be Mr Murray's successor. I have read the sentence quoted above a good many times. I don't get any nearer to understanding it. It is not untypical of Mr Lea's evidence. Perhaps others will be better than I am at extracting meaning from it. ing from it. But surely it must be a matter of some concern that people as powerful as Mr Murray and his TUC colleagues draw their

ideas from thinking which appears as incoherent as this? Yours faithfully, WILLIAM WALDEGRAVE, Bristol West Conservative Association. Westfield Park

Bristol. November 29.

#### 'Poetry for Pleasure' From Mr Ian Persons

Sir, In your notice of my anthology Poetry For Picasure your reviewer rebuked me for printing a version of "As Ye Came from the Holy Land" which differed appreciably from "the text established by Ralegh's best editor (Agnes Latham)" and for "adding insult to injury but subscribing it 'doubtfully attributed to Sir Weiter Ralegh'". But my authority for doing so is no less eminent a scholar than Professor Dame Helem Gardner who has described the poem as "only doubtfully Ralegh's". Moreover both she and Agnes Latham remark that it is a reworking of an earlier popular ballad. This reworking may, or may not, have been done by Ralegh. not, have been done by Ralegh.
Agnes Lablam herself admits that
the few poems of Ralegh's we
possess are "of dubious authenticity and uncertain text ".

As to the text, the version I printed followed the original Oxford Book, and I think any dispussionate reader would upree that, so far as most of the discrepancies between Q's text and the Bodleian text (which Agnes Latham was morally bound to print, since it was her sole authority for the attribution to Ralegh) are concerned, the latter is markedly inferior and indeed markedly inferior and indeed plainly corrupt. So that it was a little uncharitable of your reviewer to blame me for not printing it and giving it unequivocally to Ralegh. Yours faithfully. IAN PARSONS.

Juggs Corner, Kingston,

Lewes, December 9.

#### Eating in Britain

33 Harley Street, WL

From Dr Simon Behrman Sir, Your "innocent abroad" might be informed that over-eating in British boardrooms has a fiscal cause and is not a symptom of manic-depressive pychosis. Yours truly, SIMON BEHRMAN



M Jacques Chirac

## 'The Bulldozer' is still on the move

Since M Jacques Chirac was France, or Mr Breznev, superelected nine months ago to be vising and controlling everythe first Mayor of Paris in a thing and insuring that Paris century and a half, he has and himself are always in the drive and energy responsibility: the past six weeks, he has even for the life and well being of found time to visit 22 departfor the life and well being of the 3,000,000 Inhabitants of the capital. This is in addition to his other already numerous and time-consuming activities elections. of president of the reorganized Gaullist movement, the Rassemblement due Peuple
Français, deputy for his constituency of Correge in central
France, and of the departmental

More than ever he lives up to the nickname of "The Bull-dozer" which he had earned as young minister of President Pompidou, carrying on business "at the gallop" (a favourite expression of his, sparing neither himself nor his vast team of experts and advisors both at the Paris. Town Hall and at the headquarters of the and at the headquarters of the Rassemblement in the rue de Lille. He srill finds time to visit his constituency once a fort-night on average, and to keep in close touch with local

He works in the morning at party headquarters, and in the afternoon and evening at the Hotel de Ville. But he is no deskbound mayor. Always on the go, visiting schools, markets, building sites, receiving delega-tions, and dignitaries, pen-sioners and parliamentarians; planting trees and presiding with an iron hand over the debates of the Paris Council,

ments, where his rhythm of activity is as intensive as in Paris. And he intends to have covered all 90 before the March

When I called on him in his huge corner study on the first floor of the Hotel de Ville, big enough to contain 80 people comfortably without moving the furniture, and acknowledged to be the finest office in Paris, he was just about to go off to some ceremony and had just received a string of visitors the whole afternoon. M Chirac is a man who is always in a hurry, but never flurried, quite certain of what he is doing and where he is going. In his few months of tenure as mayor, he has shaken up the whole administration of Paris and its 30,000 officials. They have all fest the touch not of a new broom but of the new whirlwind By comparison, the government of the country seems almost lethargic in its

bureaucratic ponderousness.

M Chirac is always decisive and even incisive. His aim is to insure that the Gaullists and himself are as indispensable to the government of the country in the future as they have been since 1974, when he put M
Giscard d'Estaing in power; and
to retain the initiative of political action. He did so again last
week by announcing his request holding press conferences, to be received by the Fresident, we have two and a half the addressing meetings, welcoming in order to convey his concern as many members as a younger of the Tour de at the stagnation of the government ago; and the motivations

tween Socialists and Communists two months ago. Doubts do not shake him. He

counters the talk of the town

about the soul-searching and difficulties of the Gaullists, and

#### The Gaullists. a genuine popular party

It is a year since he turned the UDR into the RPR, to give image, and attempt to win back a part at least of those popular votes which General de Gaulle had wrested from the left. He feels he has won his gamble.
"Only the verdict of the polls will tell," he said. "But I think we have two reasons for believing we have been successful we have two and a half times as many members as a year

ment majority's appeal with the "those who have iolated us show voters, in spite of the split be- that three quarters of them come from the opposition, generally supporters."

Some of his opponents, I remarked, had tried to pin a difficulties of the Gaullists, and their alleged loss of public appeal, with an indestructible confidence in himself and his party. He dismisses opinion polls with a wave of the hand. "Had I believed in them, I would never have become Mayor of Paris", he told me. His sights are set far and high. Paris is only a stage, if a key one, on his road to the political summit—in other words, to the Presidency. They right-wing image on him and obstacle to its expansion, and some in the government majority because they hoped two or three years ago that the Gaulist party would disappear, and rejoiced prematurely. They will a false image still try to give a false image of us, and to check our growth." He is convinced that the Gaullists have a genuine wocation as a popular party, and are better placed than any other of the government majority to draw away support from the left. In fact, he rejects the districtions between left and right For him, there are the " collectivists " as he calls them. and the others. "We are very open to voters from all quarters, who are prepared to accept that, our society tomorrow should be constructed on the principles of freedom and responsibility, and who are ready to bring us their own temperament, their sensitivity, their generosity, if that is what

one calls the left. And we are ready to further their hopes." Had Gaullism died with Gen-eral de Gaulle, and become a party like any other as it was often suggested? "Gaullism



Gaulle, and did not die with [ him. It exists whenever, in crutial periods of French history, there are men who say 'No.'. Therefore it did not die with him. I have always said that we are not the spiritual heirs of General de Gaulie. The whole French people are. We are his faithful disciples. Believe you me, that is a tough enough job in itself." he replied

Turning to the March elections, I asked him why he was convinced that the government parties had everything to gain by going into battle under their by going into battle under their own separate banners, and having "primaries" between them, rather than putting up a single candidate as they did in the past. His answer was crystal clear. Either one had a situation where the President of the Republic committed himself fully and put forward his candidates, who would become his majority after the elections, as was the case under General de Gaulle and President Pompidou. "This restricts the role of poli-

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This restricts the role of political parties. But it also means the President of the Republic must thaw all the necessary conclusions from a defeat of his majority at the polls, if it should come about." In other words, though M Chirac did not say so explicitly, he might be compelled to resign and stand again for election, for the reason emphasized in the Gaullists' electoral platform, "Proposals for France", that the latest expression of the voters' will has it on the one that preceded it.

Or one had a system in which the President did not wish to commit himself fully, and left the parties, within the frame-work of political pluralism, the possibility of putting forward their own proposals. This nat-urally, in a two-ballot system like the French, led to "pri-maries" between the candidates of the different government par-ties. It also reinforced the role majority which is diverse, it is a necessity if one wants to poli the greatest number of votes. If one cannot plough deep, one must rake wide. Remember, I have been Minister of Agriculture", he quipped.

The Gaullist leader considers that the Left divided is as danthat the Left divided is as dangerous to the government majority as it was united. "God knows whether it will come together again. A patch-up is always possible, especially on a purely electoral plane." Recent local by-elections, notably at Strasbourg, had shown that the switch of votes from Socialists to Communists, and vice versa, in the second ballot was unimpaired by the breach. This did not affect the strategy of the majority parties. "We are told that the political landscape has changed. I have always replied to this that there is no more to this that there is no more cause for a sudden burst of optimism now than there was for bessimism some months ago. The Communists and Socialists are as threatening today as they were united. In any case, I observe that no one any longer imagines a change in electoral attategy to meet their division."

Of course, the split on the left had tempted the government parties to consider the possibility of shifts of power within the government majority, to the Gaullists' detriment. This temptation was always present, he insisted. But a shift of power could not be devised by party caucuses, however expert. party caucuses, however expert.
It was a matter for the voters to decide. "Let us wait till they have their say", he added. Did these temptations worry him? "I am not someone who is easily worried", he replied firmly.

There was also a risk that as:
a result of the split, the supporters of the majority parties
might be inclined to feel that the threat from the left had receded. There is a risk if one does not compensate for that demobilizing effect of the split on the left by energetic action, especially since—though this is no longer the case today—it was presented at one time as holding out extraordinary hopes of victory at the polls,"

M Chirac remarked.

As far as his party was con-cerned, he had set up a pro-gramme to visit all the depart-ments of France, with "all that this implies in the way of meet-ings of every kind, and of per-sonal contacts. He explains his policy and programme to the Gaullist militants, warns them against the blows of the opposi-tion, encourages the militants, usually over an informal meal. He discusses local problems with local dignitaries of all parties who are willing to meet him, and pays particular atten-tion to the local press. And be devotes a great deal of time and effort to meeting the people in therefore propose another, that give at the servent shaking hands, exchanging a few words, and kiss and of affort.

The Gauhist movement will @ Times Newspapers Ltd 1977-

well tried techniques of the bring out its own commic traditional parish pump politiproposals in January but alcian, which have stood him in ready in the "Propositions for good stead in his own constituFrance" the emphasis is laid ency of Correre, ever since 1967, when President Pompidou sent him out on what was re-garded as the almost "suicide mission" of wresting the seat from the Socialists.

M Chirac's constant preoccu-M Chirac's constant preoccus national development parion is to assert the separate which has lost identity of the Gaullish Rassem which has lost place in element without weakening the unity of the government major-ity, and laying himself open to the charge of being its "divi-der". As he did over the Government's capital gains tax pro-posals, and direct elections to the European Parliament earlier this year. That is why he has this year. That is why he has emphasized more than once in recent weeks that he opposed any suggestions that the Prime Minister should bring the Gaulists into line with the other government parties behind a sort of common programme of the Common the Government, euphemistically described as the Government's "objectives of action":
or to give a kind of seal of approval to the candidates of the majority, as this would in-directly create an artifical distinction between the "good and the "bad" ones.

"The Prime Minister leads the Government and he already the debate on the defence has a good deal of trouble estimates in November when doing so, for things are not several of its old guard voiced going as well and as fast as he misgivings about the alleard wishes, to say the least. On shift in priority from the the other hand everything he nuclear deterrent to convention do to mobilize the majority rional forces. I am very reserved about the formulation of a programme with all the risks of demagoguery this implies on the threat to a majority which is united and coherent, and could have it a an attempt to call it. see it as an attempt to split it, between those who accept it and those who do not."

#### The right to criticize the Government...

The Gathlist leader considered that the general policy principles enshrined in the manifesto of the majority, solemnly endorsed by all government parties last September, provided an adequate overall kramework for their separate electoral campaigns.

If one has a more precise programme one sets into the programme, one gets into the situation where one has to situation where one has to bring it up to date—and you see where this can lead," he exclaimed, in a reference to the disastrous attempts of the Union of the Left last September to agree on a revised text of its common programme. On more than one occasion in recent weeks, M Chirac has insisted that his intention was not to oppose the head of state; but he claims for his party "the right and the duty," party "the right and the duty, in a parliamentary democracy" to express criticism of the Government as and when it feit

the Barre Government's economic polity, he had marked his distance, he replied that he had distance, he replied that he had had reservations about it from the start. "I felt we ought to support it because we were assured that at the end of the year fundamental economic equilibra would be restored. This has unfortunately not been the case, and has led me to formulate these reservations more precisely," he added.

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"France is fill" he said. "She does not recover. So whatever the friendship and esteem we have for the physician, we are compelled to admit that the medicine used has not borne the fruits expected of it. We shall therefore propose another, that is to say a policy of reflation

on reflation in depth "to emerge from stagnation and "eliminate unemployment", which is described as "murally and socially intolerable"; on the "obligation of growth"; and on the rehabilitation of the stational development. development gran, policy, and alone can stimulate, investment in the direction of the transformations to be achieved."
M Chirac said: "The impact

of economic policy on elections is slight when the situation is good, but when, as in all in-dustrial countries, there is a high rate of inflation and un-employment, it is an important element of the voters' choice.
And it becomes a decisive one when, as at present there is a fifty-fifty electoral-situation be-

fifty-fifty electoral situation between the government and
opposition.

More than once in the past
12 months, since M Chirac left
the premiership, the Gaullist
movement has been alarmed
about the drift of foreign and,
especially defence policy, away
from the fundamental Gaullist
principles of national independence. This came to a head in dence. This came to a head in the debate on the defence

ar essential part of her national defence. "This capacity is it-self based on the determination to use it in an emergency, and on its quality, therefore on its constant modernization and improvement." The RPR consequently felt it was essen-tial that a sixth nuclear supmarine (originally programmed but practically shelved in the past two years' defence estimates) should be built, and others after it. Its doubts about the Government's defence objectives had largely been built. objectives had largely been set aside by the Prime Minister's assurances. "But we shall re-main vigilant", he declared:

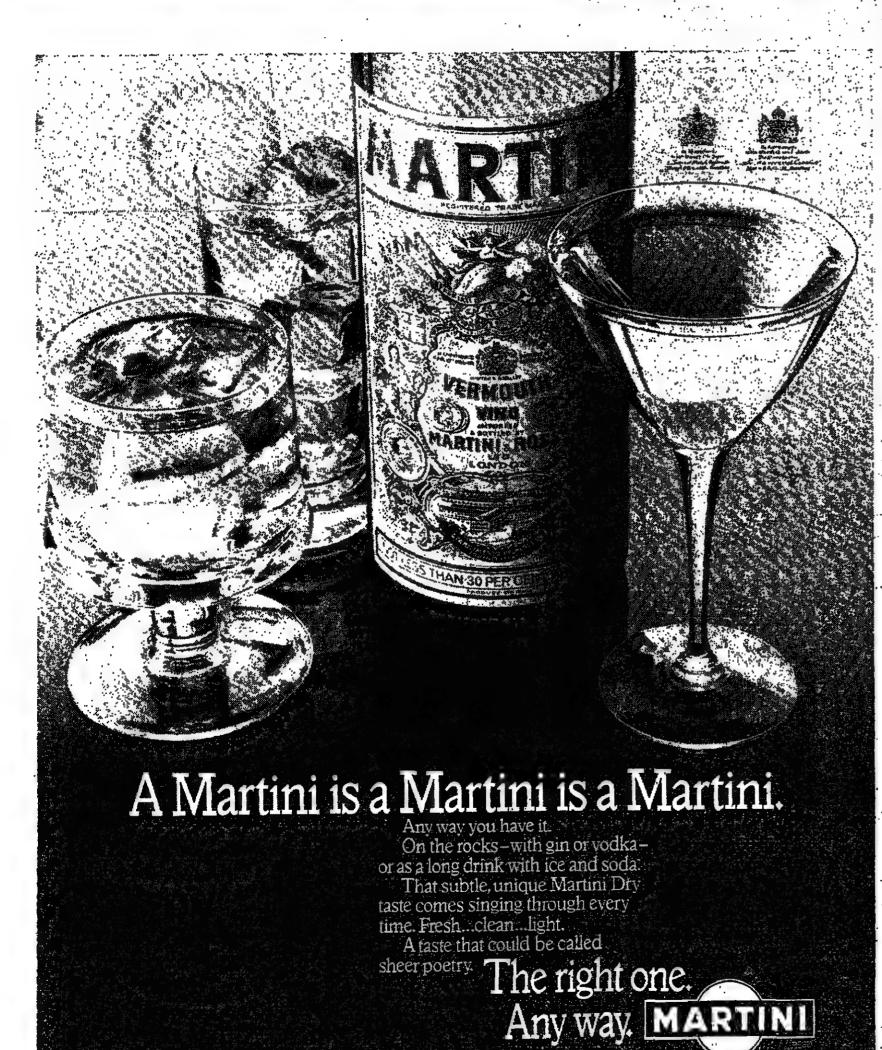
He was not prepared, in reply to a question of mine, to endorse the view sometimes heard in government circles in heard in government carcles in Britain that there were many points in common between the British and the Gaullist approach to Europe. I would not allow myself to pass judiment on British policy, but it is not a view that would come to my mind", he said with a smile.

Britain's European policy, as I see it, is based on the desire to preserve her privileges, are ably material, undiminished within the Community. That is the meaning of her action on the Common Agricultural Policy: It is not particularly Gaullist". He discerned much more of a Gaullist temperament in Mr Edward Heath's approach to Europe. This had been the basis of the esteem and friend-ship which had existed between him and President Pompidou. The fact that the British Gov-ernment, along with the Gaullists, rejected a European. federal structure did not in itself make for a parallel ap-

Government as and when it felt this was justified. His position is comparable to M Giscard d'Estaing's own in 1966, when he was out of office and took up within the government majority dominated by the Gaullists a position of constructive criticism summed up by what he called the policy of the "yes but".

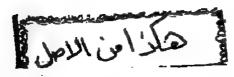
When I asked him why, on the Barre Government's econo. blocks, which President Giscard d'Estaing and many political leaders of non-Gaullist parties continue to deplore. What democratic country is not divided into two blocks at election time?", he exclaimed. It am fed up with all the talk about it. What country is not divided into blocks? It not Britain divided into rwa blocks. Is not German, divided into two blocks. Is not the United States divided into two blocks? States divided into two blocks?

Each time these countries vote;
one cannot tell which of the two
blocks will win. It is a direct
consequence of democracy. Only in totalitation countries is there a single block. It is true that here in France, tensions are more acute because one of the two blocks refers to principles which are different from the other, he added, with a final gibe at the left.



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BUCKINCHAM PALACE
December 11: The Duke of Edinburgh left Lydd Airport in an aircraft of the The Queen's Flight this marning for Brussels where its Royal Highness, President of the Federation Equestre Internationale, will attend meetings of the Bureau of the Federation and the Ordinary General Assembly; Lord Rupers Nevill was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales this after-noon planted a free in Windsor Great Park for the Windsor and Maidenhead Silver Jubilee Tree Planting Project "The Queen's Trees."

Eunice Lady Oakes deeply regrets annue Laty Junes needly regrets the was unable to arrand the removal service for her daughter-in-law, Lafy Ozkes, held yesterday in Nassan, Bahamas, as she is at present in Australia.

Mr and Mrs Franklin Delano Roservelt, Jur. were usable to attend the memorial service for Mrs Rosevelt's sout, Lody Oakes; in Nassau yesterday.

Nancy Baroness von Hoyningon-Huene was unable to be present at the memorial service for Lady Oakes in Nassas. Bahamas, yester-

Alexander George Lessardt Frei-herr von Hoyningen-Huene was unable to attend the memorial service for his aunt, Lady Onkes, held in Nassan, Bahamas, yester-

Pirthdays today Sir Kenneth Blackburne, 70 Major-General Sir Rupert Brazier-Creagh, 53; Air Commodore Dame Felicity Hill, 52; Air Chief Mar-shal Sir Hugh Lloyd, 82; Lientenant-General Sir Philip Neame, VC, 89; Mr John Osborne, 48; Mr Frank Sinatra, 52; General Sir Norman Tailyour, 63; Lieutenant-General Sir William Turner, 70.

#### US jewels sale totals £614,675

A sale of important jewels by Christie's in New York on Friday realized £614,675, with 15 per cent unsold. The top price was \$\$7,000 (csthuate \$30,000-535,000) or £31,660, for a diamond and emerald necklace comprising a pendant set with five pear-shaped emeralds on a diamond circlet. The total weight of the emeralds was 9.39 caratts.

A circular-cut diamond weigh-ing 4.71 carsts mounted as a ring made \$42,000 (estimate \$24,000-\$28,000) or £23,300. It is accom-panied by a certificate from the Gemological Institute of America stating that the diamond is inter-nally fluwless.

Literary honours The Royal Society of Literature has made the award of Companion of Literature to Philip Larkin, Stephen Spender and David Garcial Scrolls will be presented to them in July by Lord Butler of Saffron Walden, president of the society.

Media award The annual "Valuant for Trum"
Bledia Award made by the Order
of Christian Umity has been won
by Mr Anatol Goldberg, chief
script writer in the BBC East
European Service.

Marriages

Forthcoming marriages Mr P. Blacker and Miss S. E. H. Davies

and Miss S. E. H. Davies

The engagement is announced between Philip, youngar son of General Sir Cech and Lady Blacker, of Whitchurch House, Whitchurch, Aylesbury, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Davies, of Oakgrove, Chepstow, Gwent. Mr I. P. Campbell and Miss R. J. Maxwell

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and Miss S. R. Whitehead
The engagement is announced
between Im, youngest on of Mr
and Mrs A. E. R. Goulty, of
Bowdon, Chesture, and Susan,
elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B.
Whitehead, of Bowdon,

and Miss P. Gasston
The engagement is announced between Arthur Drewint Lewis, of 23 Pelbam Place, London, SW7, and Polly, eddest daughter of Mrand Mrs Tony Gastion, formerly of Nairobic Kenya, and now of Cava di Cabello, 53010 San Rocco a Pilli, Siena, Italy.

Today's engagements

Princess Alice Duchess Gloucestar presents a portuit in bronze of Prince William to Alrerott Owners and Pilots Association, Royal Aeronautical Society, Hamilton Fize, 5.15. Carols by massed choirs of London hospitals, Festival Hall, 8.

Plano recital, Michael Blackmore, St Lawrence Jewry, 1. Lord Goodman gives Sir William Emrys Williams memorial lec-ture, Arts Council, Piccadilly,

A few brave souls with King Canute's faith cry 'Halt' to a rising floodtide of alcohol overtaken those basic food nems and was ahead by £345m.

Correspondent Humourless pinitans disapproving of other people's leasures; a Scrooge-like resistance to Christmas good cheer; the spirome of the kill-joy brand of Christianity; those the images of temperance. The reality is of a few brave souls with the faith of King Canute, crying "Halt" to a rising floodide of alcohol. The new general secretary of he temperance council of the Christian churches, the Rev Kenneth Lawton, has set out to carch the public sar long enough to tell it that alcoholism

enough to tell it that accounts has become the primary social disease of the age and is increasing continuously and rapidly. A conservative estimate is of half a million victims, and the number could be trained as high be twice as high. .: He calculates that about one in 25 of the population is seri-

ously at risk of alcoholism and wall on the way to it; about one in four is significantly vulnerable, drifting slowly towards the edge. Women, apparently, drift about three tames, as fast as men. All the signals are at danger.

Not since the temperance
council was founded in 1915
have the main indices of have the main moices or alcohol abuse been so high, and since 1970 they have all passed that initial First World War peak. In 1970 national spending on bread, cereal and meat was £309m more than on drink by 1976 expenditure on drink had

. The figures had been creep-. ing up since the war, but some ing up since the war, but some thing seems recently to have changed gear in the national metabolism. Now the "con-sumption of proof gallons per capita" graph is pointing sharply upwards, even when plotted on a logarithmic scale in an attempt to contain it on one sheet of paper.

The Government is worried.
Mr. Eunals, Secretary of
Space for Social Services, has
asked the public for suggestions with the idea of a campaign in favour of moderate drinking. Both the appeal for sugges-

tions and the campaign for moderation are revealing; they point to an official bankruptey of ideas, which is alarming but in the circumstances under-

Mr Lawton's council has the support of all the main churches. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of West-minster, and General Arnold Brown, of the Salvation Army, Mr Lawton became general

secretary this summer, and the tone of the council's work has tone of the council's work has begun to change noticeably. Even the name is not necessarily sacred for ever, he feels, and the direction is away from the "Band of Hope" mentality of demon drink and instant salva-tion by faith alone.

Mr Lawton was one of the authors of the courroversial British Council of Churches' report on sex in the middle 1960s, which advocated a permissive situation ethic and was ferociously attacked and accused Alcohol's victims include the

of encouraging licentiousness, He now says he was wrong: people are not generally mature be then advocated without harming themselves, and he thinks his view of the pressures within society was naive

That caution about human frailty he finds underlined for on how to combat drunkenness, frailty he finds underlined for and his department is toying alcohol. Make it freely available, promote it, thrust it under the noses of housewives in supermarkets, and a frighten-ingly high proportion of the population will respond by ser-ting out on a course of self-destruction.

The cost is already astro-nomical. For wife-battering, football hooliganism, street mugging, car accidents, mar-riage breakdown, low industrial productivity, alcohol has to carry much of the blame.

Neither instant religious conversion nor the vaguely Moral Rearmament flavour of Alcoholics Anonymous is a ready solution. One is obsolete, or at least irrelevant in a society without much interest in reli-gion, and the other is a self-rescue service for victims after the catastrophe has happened.

Almost all the other bodies in the field, secular or church-based, are concerned with some

Alcohol's victims include the identifiable alcoholic, the "social drivker with a prob-lem," the road casualty the victim of violence or hooliganism and, most cruelly of all, the baby deformed or handicapped by the newly discovered "foetal alcohol syndrom". Scientific evidence suggests that a deliy intake in early pregnancy of as little as one and a half pints of beer "may be associated with substantial impairment of substantial impairment foetal growth ".

The scale of the disaster, and the giant commercial forces behind it, make the tiny resources at Mr Lawton's command look weaker than David's slingshot. He is preparing a campaign for a "drusing a campaign for a "drug-free culture", with all that that implies: non-alcoholic meeting places, alternative social customs and pastimes, a new set of

A minority who like that sort f thing may follow him, but it the majority who are the ifficulty, whose occasional difficulty, whose occasional harmless pleasure is to drink but whose freedom to do so is indirectly at the expense of those for whom it will become a vicious trap.

He frankly admits that it does not sound very hopeful as an answer to an uncontrolled epidemic, which is just coming into season once more.

#### Appointments in the Forces

The Army
COLONEL COMMANDANT: LI-Gen
Str Anthony Farmar-Hockley. The Parachute Regiment. Dec 18.

MAJOR-GENERAL: A. M. L. Hoppe
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The annual Chanukah dinner of the Maccabaeans was held at the Royal Lancaster Hotel last night. The guests of honour were Miss Miriam Karlin and Mr Sydney Tafler. The Hon Ewen Montagu. QC, president, was in the chair Greymen's Association The London dinner of the Durham was held at the Cooling Hotel, Queensway, on Saturday evening. The Master of Grey College, Dr Sidney Holgate, presided. Among those present were Mr Eric Halliday, vice-master and senior tutor, the Rev Martin Eggleton and Dr P. St J. Langan.

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Parliamentary notices House of Commons

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Tomorrow at 2.30: Further progress
In Committee on European Assembly
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Dec 8: Statement on Stuation in Sermuck. Debate on Crewn Agents on racolon for the adjournment which was carried by 153 votes to 126. House adjourned, 7.15 pm.

Dec 6: Statement on mobility allowance. Further progress in consultion in Scottand Bill. Motion to armul Shariff (Removal from Office) Order rejected by 170 votes to 82. Amendment of Units of Magnetian Carlon of Agent agreed to take not of paper (25de No. 5 of the Codes of Recimmentations for the Welters of Livestock relating to shown agreed to Mortion to English (Points) Friffic (Northern Brains) for the Welters of Livestock relating to show of the Codes of Recimmentations for the Welters of Livestock relating to shown agreed to Mortion the Relation of Company (25de No. 5 of the Codes of Recimmentations for the Welters of Livestock relating to show of the Codes of Recimmentations for the Welters of Mortion Brains to Company (25de No. 5 of the Codes of Recimmentations for the Welters of Northern Brains of Company (25de Northern Brains (25de Northern Brains)) (25de Northern Brains (25de Northern Brains)) (25de Northern Brains) (25de Norther ment on such presentent in social sociality at 2.50: Proceedings on Consolidated Fund Bill.
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Today: Expenditure: Trede and Industry subcammittee. Subject: Fishing industry. Witnesses: Chairmon. British Rallways Board. Room 6. 4 pm.

Expenditure: General Subcommittee. Propositive: General Subcommittee. Propositive: General Subcommittee. Propositive: Witnesses: Treasury. Room 8, 4.15 pm.

Expenditure: Education, Arts and Hosse Office subcommittee, Subject: Administration of Prison Service, Witnesses: Howard Leque. Room 18, 4.15 pm.

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House of Lords

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ment and Maragoura Services Cammersion, Room 15, 4-20 p.m.

House of Lords
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mining meestry. House adjourned, 9.81 pm.
December 7: Motion calling for restoration of detento cuts carried by 163 
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Bill of Rights, Wilness: Professor M. Lander, 5.30 pm.

#### **OBITUARY**

#### MR DAVID HOLDEN Chief foreign correspondent of 'The Sunday Times'

H. E. writes: David Holden, chief foreign correspondent of The Sunday Times, went to Cairo to report the peace initiative, and died with a bullet in his back, his body abandoned on the fringe of the desert near Cairo airport, It is an achingly cruel end for man who devoted so much of his life to understanding and explaining man's erratic hatreds. He was 53. He had just celebrated 12 years with The Sunday Times and 24 in journalism and broadcasting.

David Holden looked des-tined for journalism from early life. His father, Thomas, was the editor of The Sunderland Echo and encouraged his son to write Saturday football reports. Bur David, after attending the Friends School. Great Avton. graduating at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and studying at Northwestern University, Illinois, chose to teach geography in Scotland—while nursing an ambition to be an actor. But after a spell working for the Ouakers in Mexico, and realizing, he would say, that his legs were too fat for Hamlet, he inined the staff of The Times. He was initially assistant correspondent in Washington, and then special land Echo and encouraged his in Washington, and then special correspondent in the Middle correspondent in the Middle Rast for four years, from 1956. He went to The Guardian as a raving reporter and finally to The Sunday Times in 1965. He wrote two books—Farewell to Arabia (1966) and Greece Without Columns (1972)

and was working on a book about Saudi Arabia. He was an accomplished sound and tele-vision broadcaster and scripted and appeared in feature films for BBC and independent television. It was in one of these that he gave a revealing insight into his attitude to journalism; he was not a man to strike postures. More information, he suggested, did not mean better suggested, did not mean botter information. The result of much reporting was simply "to turn up the decibels in the Tower of Babel". In all his own reporting he tried to synchronize eye, mind and heart, and to distil his experiences and his reading: he thought it impossible to write about the present without studying the past. This thought and education gave a perspective to his writing that made it more than merely timely or colourful, and it had

both those qualities He reported from Egypt (where he was interned during the Suez war), Israel, India (where Snowden's photographs complemented a searing text), Chile, Czechoslovakia, the Persian Gulf, Rhoderia, Zambia, and South Africa—and Belfast. He was analytical and adventurous and gave us with great felicity viguettes of the-life he saw-500 armed Yemeni tribesmen swarming towards him between the adobe houses to thrust upon him written petitions to Her Majesty; a many interesting cheracters and davelopments for his pen. ing in the Hotel Pax in Luluabourg in the Congo in 1960 "where the bullets of the mutinous July night have bitten deep fato the yellow stucco facade"; and Czechoslo-valda where he correctly con-cluded in 1968 that "next year in Prague there will be no

spring". Holden, like many messenhis softest spot for dispossessed sudden loss needed them all.

right. He thought the Greek colonels were likely to last. and that American influence in the downfall of Allende in Chile had been over played. But he was always ready to be persuaded by reason and by

evidence.
David Holden leaves a widow, Ruth, and is survived by an older brother. He met Ruth in Nigeria during inde-pendence celebrations when she was a reporter for Life maga-zine. He met ber again for independence celebrations in Ghana and they married in August, 1962. When he was not August, 1962, when he was not travelling he enloved a quiet life in Canonbury, gardening and listening to music. Peplayed the clarinet in his youth. He was also an avid bird wutcher; he tool, field glasser on every assignment. What he never took with him was any prejudice or lich for propaganda. His death is a loss to understanding

Sir Denis Hamilton, Chairman of Times Newspapers, who was formerly editor of The Sunday

formerly editor of The Sunday Times, writes:

David Holden had been a major pillar of The Sunday Times from the period of its expansion in the early 1960s when we were building up a team of top-class much oritative writers on political, economic and foreign affairs to supplement an already outstending team of experts. He was a surfrom the first, ready to go unwhere to tackle any story. His range was quite remarkable, the was utterly to be depended on range was quite remarkable. He was utterly to be depended on to deliver elegant, economically phrased copy with reliable judgment on which one need spend no time in checking its wisdom. He toured India with Lord Snowdon and his copy was so good and the photographs so brilliant that I gave them a whole issue of the colour magazine. on the Middle East conflict

he clearly knew the Arab side better than the Israeli simply because the growth in the oil and developments for his pen. Like R. A. Butler he believed in the art of the possible so I have heard him explain 'sraeli intransigence to an Arab audience while later excusing Arab rhetoric to a luncheon gathering which included British Zionists. Gentle yet forceful, charming yet independently minded, he had all the qualities of courage and integrity that I admire in bers before him, was not infrequently unpopular for his message; the Israeli Government disliked his depiction of the evictions and demolitions of Arab houses on the West Bank in 1967; Arab extremists thought his description of their "stupid boasts and futile gestures" was hostile whereas in fact he had perhaps his softest spot for dispossessed

#### PROFESSOR J. N. MILLS

Professor John Norton Mills, was he trusted and respected) whose premature and tragic death at the age of 63 to occurred in the mountains of the world outside; they would live a the unit and their duily routines allowed to "run free" or they could be subjected to "controlled time" whereby of Manchester. After Winchester, he studied in Oxford and, after obtaining his BA in 1936 and BSg in 1937, he graduated with the primary medical with the primary medical degrees from the universities. with the primary medical degrees from the universities

arena where his real talents were able to develop and flourish. He held a lectureship in New College, Oxford between 1941 and 1946 whence he moved to a fellowship and lectureship in Jesus College, Cambridge proceeding to doc-torates in medicine of both universities in that year.

In 1950 he joined the staff of the University of Maoches social members of Senate. It ter as lecturer in human physical members of senate in this role that he maive siology. He became Senior Lees major contributions to the returner in 1955, Reader in 1959 writing of the university's turer in 1955, Reader in 1959 writing of the university's and was elected to the Brack- Charter, to the University enbury Chair of Physiology in Council and to the deliber-1965 on the retirement of Walter Schlapp. It was typical is said, he reported of his character that he relinhumorously under a pseuduished the title of Director of donym in the staff magazine. the Physiological Laboratories About the time of Milla's shortly afterwards in favour of elaction to the Chair of Physioa more democratic arrangement. logy, the decision greatly to

Professor John Norton Mills, was he irristed and respected) degrees from the universities of Oxford and Birmingham in 1939.

The strong medical connex-The strong medical connextions of his family encouraged him first into general practice, but his mind and nature led by his mind and nature led lag 'n, shift work and journeys lag 'n, shift work and journeys communications. lag 'l, shift work and journeys into space. His communications, papers and books were prodigious and the Physiological Society and the Renal Association and the Linnary Society benefited from his membership.

Milla's contribution to the line region of Manchester, was

University of identhester was immane; he campaigned for non-professorial representation In 1950 he joined the staff in the university and became of the Physiology Department one of the first non-profesations of the Schate, which, it

During his 27 years in Man-chester, his research interests taken and he masterminded and electrolyte balances in the planned the accommodation human body converged into the study of circadian rhythms. medical school. Fis main alm in which Mills became a world was to improve the quality of anytherity. His carely studies of the study of authority. His early studies of apparatus so that the score human beings in isolation in an influence of physiological volved subjects living in under- study could be widened withground caves devoid of time out any further expenditure or and other clues; the work time in addition, in this mod-became so promising that he ern era of changing medical was sole to persuade the Medicuricula, he was deeply conwas sole to persuade the Medical Research Council and the university to support an "isolation unit" on a university vide an education in the true site at Risley. Here, volunteers (and many of his students as well as the vocational, really did volunteer, so much

## and Miss V. E. Fanshawe The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, SWI, between Major Charles Bunbury, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and Miss Veronica Fanshawe. Father Alsatair Russell and Father Jereiny Davies officiated. The bride was strended by Miss Amanda Trafford and by four children, Lady Annabel Bertie, Rio Pratter, Jason Deny and Adam Seymour-Davies. Transport Regiment RCT (V) with their families and friends attended their annual regimental carol service held yesterday at the Church of St George the Martyr, Southwark. The rector, Canon C. E. V. Bowkett, the regimental wards the The marriage took place on Friday, December 9, at Eze, France, between Mr Ferer Shiach, youngest son of the late Mr G L. K. Shiach and of Mrs Lucie Shiach, of Dent and Adam Seymour-Davies. Major M. Robjohn was best man. Mr A. St J. Lobb and Miss J. Lobb and Miss J. Lobb The marriage took place on December 10, 1977, between Mr Mr St J. Lobb Bernard Pearson, Rishop of Sinda; of Mrs Lucie Shiach, of Bowkett, the regimental padre, the Rev K. N. Cocking, and the Sishop of Willesden took part in the Service. Among those present were: Bernard Pearson, Rishop of Sinda; of Mrs Lucie Shiach, of Bowkett, the regimental padre, the Rev K. N. Cocking, and the Sishop of Willesden took part in the Service. Among those present were: Bernard Pearson, Rishop of Sinda; Dr. McLeikend and the Rev R. N. Cocking, and the Sishop of Willesden took part in the Service. Among those present were: The marriage took place on Bernard Pearson, Rishop of Sinda; Dr. McLeikend and the Service. Among those present were: The marriage took place on Bernard Pearson, Rishop of Sinda; Dr. McLeikend and the Service. Among those present were: The Major M. Luke

Production-line beef threat to specialist herd

Visitors to the Royal Smithfield Show can pick out machinery exhibits by climbing to the gallery. There they can see the names of manufacturers on long labels dangling from the ceiling, just as they have done at motor shows. This year the tractor and harvester company names dangled again in ranks over the exhibition floor.

At the back of the array two more labels hand in the same format. They were marked "tartle" and symbolized the gradual conversion of livestock hasbandry 13% another form of factory production in which the raw material happens to be meat included in the same standard and metal.

Cattle are always at the back of the same discare.

ins.ead of metal.

Cartle are always at the back of the main machinery displays, this year even farther back than usual in an extension behind the main ring. The supreme champion-ship, meanwhile, becomes ever rore like a village flower show in which the same few enthusiasts always cary off awards for supendous carrots and colossal enions that bear no resemblance to what people eat.

what people eat.
Similarly, the immaculate creatures that carry away the successories that carry away the successories at Smithfield are criticized incessantly for bearing my resemblance to what butchers will. Year after year the same Surith families advance to receive their awards from a member of the Royal Family.

The argument about whether Smithfield champlous are commercially relevant is a diversion from a much more important debate about the fate of the

#### £50,000 winner

The weekly £50,000 Premium Savings Bond prize, announced on Saturday, was won by 1DT 617240. The winner lives in Bristol. The 25 £1,000 winners are

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## Save the Otter

The League Against Greef Sports would like to thank readers and their triends for responding to the recent Capaign for the preservation of the Otter. Our past has been so overvirining that it has not very possible to acknowledge all donations and other communications.

· · · · fur this we apologise and assure you we will respond as soon as possible.
Due to your help
our campaign hes proven Saccessful Timak you. The Leegue Against Greel Sports Lid., Londor N.17 Tel: 01-801 2177

## Agriculture

## Hugh Clayton

specialist beef herd. In the United States one in three meals is eaten outside the home, and the proportion is expected to increase. It is expected that it a few years more than two thirds of the country's beef will be used for

A similar trend towards eating in or from what are called "fast tood outlits" is developing in this country. The -success of companies like Kentucky Fried Chicken and the eagernoss of some of the largest food companies in the country to acquire restaurant chains give evidence of that.

Most beef esten in Britain comes out of the dairy herd, so the future of the British beef herd and of the type of animal that wiss at Smithfield must be restricted. Mr Raymond Twiddle, chairman of the British Turkey Federation, said after Smithfield that his industry's development in the next decade would "take turkey a step further to become a convenience food".

He continued: "A new deve-He continued: "A new deve-lopment to watch for is the move-

Andrew Lobb, son of the lace Captain J. E. D. Lobb and of Mrs Lobb, of 2 Hollybush Vale, Loa-don, NW3, and Miss Jennifer Luke, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan L. Luke, of Tweedside, Croxley Green, Hertfordshire.

Federation said it was too nign.
Forther predictions of growing
cost pressures on farmers were
given on Friday by the agricultural division of ICI, which predicted that arable farmers would
need a wheat yield of 5.0 tonnes
a hectare to break even next year.
Their prediction for this year
had required a yield of only 4.7
tonnes a bectare.

ment of turkey into the meat market proper." Behind him was a display of brown burkey meat cut to look like pork chops and sausages.

A lesson of the mid-1970s for the British food industry has been traditional loyalties, are more easily broken than before. Families that would once keep buying beef when prices rose, now turn to pork, while those who think that potanoes are too dear are more ready to change to spagherti.

Possibly, therefore, the market to a specialist position with high export sales akin to first now held by venison.

The intensity of the squeeze excreted on the food trades by the retuctance of shoppers to pay higher prices is exemplified in the latest arguments about milk has soon as the Government amounced the lanuary rise for milk the National Farmers' union said it was too low end the Dairy Trade Federation sof farmers were on farmers were on farmers were ably decided to devalue the green buy decided to devalue the green and sales the reverse of the aims of the Government's industrial strategy.

Average yields in this record year in official figures and in the survey published by The Times were of 5.0 tonnes or slightly less. The ICI prediction for next year is based on variable costs of £257. The last figure includes an allowance free for prime beef has begun a processor of the cost of £22 and fixed costs of £257. The three figures give a sotal of £22 and ICI assumes a straw value of £22 and ICI assumes a str

Lady Macleod of Borve greeting the first of 400 "Crisis at Christmas" pilgrims on their arrival

at Southwark Cathedral from Canterbury yesterday. Money raised will help the single homeless.

Carol service

151 (Greater London) Transport Regiment RCT ( $\overline{\nu}$ )

Officers, warrant officers, senior

issioned officers and soldiers of 151 (Greater London)

Ball

Association of Supervisory and Executive Engineers

Executive Engineers
Miss Shelagh Roberts, leader of
the GLC planning and communications policy committee, was
guest of borour at the small
ball of the Association of Supervisory and Executive Engineers,
held on Saturday at the Hilton
hotel. Mr R. M. Norford, chairman, received the guests.

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Decomber 5: Judicature (Northern ireland) lilli read 2 first time. European
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(No 5) and (No 6) Orders agreed to
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Government (Sectional Sill passed
committee stage: Motion to relation to
control and the Wild Creaters and
Wild Plarts Act rejucted by 55 votes
(10 37, Debote of aid to Selivian
mining industry. House adjourned, 9.54
pm.

ture, Fisheries and Food, has probably decided to devalue the green pound in the coming spring. He cannot safely admit as much until he has won some concession in Brussels that either floors EEC rules or extends elsewhere some contested measure already granted to Britain alone.

#### Science report

## Biology: Growth hormone genes

Biologists in Cakifornia have succeeded in taking the first steep towards inducing bacteria to synthesize the growth hormone, which is starce for thereaputic purposes. So far they have got only as far as inverting the gene for growth thermone into a hacterium. The next steep will be to find out whether the bacteria will make the hormone gene is the third hormone gene is the third hormone gene is the interd hormone gene is the third hormone gene is the third hormone gene is the interd hormone gene is the bacterial it was supported in the course of being reproduced many times through bacterial generations. The next and most crucial step will be to coax the bacterial culture production line for the substance specified by the gene.

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whether the barreria will make the hormone from the gene.

The growth hormone gene is the third hormone gene this year to be inacted; kno a barrerian, and those achievements go some try towards vindicathen one of the main justifications for DNA engineering, the hope of producing recomments in large quantities. ing exemones in large quantities relatively cheeply.

relatively observed.

Earlier this year the California team succeeded in inserting the goae for insulin into a bacterium, but they failed to induce the bacteria to produce insulin from it. More receasily Dr. Herbert Buyer and his collegues, also in California, have managed the considerable feat of inserting a synthetic gene for a hear formone, somaerable test of inscring a symmetre gene for a brain formone, soma-tastern, from which some of the battern and produce the harmone, lesuith and growth hormone, however, are much larger molecules than sometograin. They are also of greater clinical importance. Growth hormone is also known as cannangolin, art to be confused with sometostatin, one of

production line for the substance specified by the gene. In their attempt to put that idea into practice, Peter Seeburg. Howard Goodman and others at the University of California in Sam Francisco started with a growing culture of cells derived from

ing culture of cells derived from a rat pituitary gland.

It is possible, but difficult, to extract genes from cells, and instead the California team used an indirect method of obtaining DNA containing the instructions for making growth hormone. They extracted the molecule known as messenger RNA, which is a copy of the DNA instructions of the gene and acts as a Mochemical messenge carrying the instructions to the molecular machinery on which the hormone is manufacwhich the hormone is manufac-tured.

It is possible artificially to copy messenger RNA back into DNA,

production of growth hormone, a product that is notally alien to it. There is little geason to doubt that that will be accomplished in the near future.

In the meantime the determination of the structure of the growth hormone gene, synthesized by the betteria, has revealed much information about the gene and the normone that had sartier been unknown for lack of sufficient appoints. By Nature Times News Service.

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## Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Begin, Today. Dealings End, Dec 30. 5 Contango Day, Jan 3. Settlement Day, Jan 11

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## Treasury rejects MPs' advice on two aspects of Bank's affairs

Two of the mein recommen-dations of a Bouse of Commons Select Committee report on the Bank of England, published just a year ago, are effectively to be

The MFs report suggested that the separate economic fore-casting functions of the Bank and the Treasury should be

reject the report's argument for merging the two forecasting

merging the two forecasting units.

The existence of separate economic models was justified to the select committee on the grounds that it threw up points of argument about the divergence of opinion. But the committee said it was not altogether reassured of the practical advantage from double guessing at the present imponderables.

The report said: "We would have thought that sufficient independent research was being undertaken to produce results on which the Treasury and was not in general critical of the Bank's functioning, inclutheir wits without duplicating ded one that its capital should. their wits without duplicating staff and resources. We suggest this is an area in which future economies might be sought by seeking to operate only one Treasury/Bank model."

benefits, it also seems unlikely that any significant changes will be made. The report nem-ized a number of areas that needed to be looked at includ-ing home loans at 2 or 22 per cent; 20-year loans at 2 or 22 per tent; 20-year loans at 3 per cent to pely for private education, interest-free loans for season tickets, personal loans at 3 per-

casting functions of the Bank tickets, personal loans at 3 per and the Treasury should be merged. It also printicized the pension scheme hevel of the Bank's staff fringe A joint working party between the Bank's staff fringe A joint working party between the Bank of England should be brought more into Staff Organization, the negotiating body for Bank staff and management has already investigated the question of aducation has according to the substantially reject the report's argument for merging the two forecasting the staff.

Another working party has Another working party has now begun looking at housing loans, but the staff organization is refusing to consider any overall reduction in benefits, and the Bank appears to accept its arguments that they are part of total reminieration. If has been pointed que that the benefits offered by the Bank are broadly in line with those offered by banks alsowhere in

select committee report, which was not in general critical of, the Bank's functioning included one that its capital should not be allowed to fall short of the standards applied to other banks. Following this sugges-tion the capital was boosted from £121m to £187m, mainly On the second main recomes the result of a property mendation, relating to fringe revaluation.

## Joint move to restore faith in Tyne yards

Industrial Correspondent ....

Labour problems at the Tyne-de pards of British Shipbuil-

relations in the northern region compared favourably with other parts of the country.

The overtime ban by outfatting workers at the Swan Hunter yards which has led to the cossignment of three of the seven Polish ships to other yards has attracted widespread publicity.

publicity.
Confidence in the region
saffered another blow lastweek when the Ispanese company, Hitachi, decided not to vision assembly plant in the region. This was a blow to the intensive efforts which have

taken place to attract foreign Domestic and foreign cusin the region have not been slow in expressing their anxiety

the northern region, which can only be regarded as good, the two sides said. Industrial problems, which were bound to occur from time

to time, said the two organiza-tions, in no way undermined the shifty of the region in general to meet customers' requirements. Both sides under kined their commitment to working towards better indus-

trial relations. Leading article, page 15

## auditors are cleared of impropriety By Ray Maughan Both the finance director and

been cleared of any professional impropriety following is study of the findings of the Depart-ment of Trade investigation

mittee of the Institute of by the former director general by the former disector general of the Takeover Panel. Mr Mortin Harris, also found no evidence of any disagreement between the joint miditors that could have contributed to any lack of effectiveness in either their or the board's dealing with the obestion of an expenses The ICA also observed that

point auditors and financedirector were confined to a
very limited area of their considerable responsibilities.

The criticism centred on the
treatment of a retrospective
claim for £307.471 involving
reimbursement of expenses
incurred by Mr Roland Tiny
Rowland, the chief executive.

Mr Basil West, the finance
director, was criticized by the
lispectors for inspire by the
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the claim, while the DoT also
criticized, the joint auditors;
Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and
Puller, Jenks, Beacroft, for tot
exercising sufficient care in
the dealing with its vertication.

Ar its meeting on February

Ar its meeting on February 13, 1975 the board, waich included Mr West as a professionally qualified accountant, was advised that funds advanced to Mr Rowland over a long period could be considered a loan to him, thereby contravening the provisions of the Companies Act 1948.

This left Londo with only its days to prepare and verify

Although the deadline was met, the claim contained a fundamental error in that it included interest allowed to Mr Rowland upon personal funds used to intuish a company-

ders over the construction of fadour relations, and yester of the construction of fadour relations in their statement is seen as an afternot to restore confidence. In their statement the Northern Regional Countrie of the Committee accepted that the inspectors were able to gain access to information which relations in the northern region compared favourably with other parts of the country, increase sales, and raise living standards of all those working in the region of the country. The overtime ban by outfating workers at the Swan Hunter yards which has led to the reason which the saled to the sale of industrial relations in three of the sale of industrial relations in the northern region compared favourably with other parts of the country. The overtime ban by outfating workers at the Swan Hunter yards which has led to the say way indicative of the usual says way indicative of the usual says way indicative of the usual says and relations in the northern region, which tan says way indicative of the usual says and relations in the northern region, which tan says way indicative of the usual says and relations to other safety of the usual says and relations to the restore the country.

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By Our Financial Staff out precise terms covering what the could undertake and what the could undertake and what the could undertake and what the could not wealed the error of the claim and believed that given more than six days, Mr West would have obtained this information. The ICA stressed, however, that certain non-executive directions of the accounts.

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six days to prepare and verify the expenses claim before the, date set for approval of the printing of the annual accounts for the year ended September 30, 1974. As it was the accounts coursined no note to indicate that the claim had been hestily verified and might require some retroactive correction:

hust remain the responsibility

minigated against that course, and after careful consideration the committee did not accept the degree of criticism the la-ispectors made of Mr West. Mr Harris and his colleagues also pointed out that a full presentacorporated in the accounts for should remain with following year,

## Bankers might opt for medium-term policies to stabilize US currency Currency problem on Basle agenda

The dollar's sharp decline and its impli-cations for the world economy and currency markers are expected to be among the major topics discussed today and tomorrow by Western central bankers in Basie.

i As the central banks taking part have witely different powers, it would probably be wrong to expect a rapid concerned reaction to the latest bout of dollar weak-

example is largely independent of Bonn, while the Bank of England is generally subservient to the Treasury. The question thank hangs over the effectiveness of the where Dr-Arthur Bucus, the chairman, has been cast in a "lame duck," role through the Carter Administration's reluctance to confirm him in office for another term after his contract expires in the spring. Quher factors suggest coution in weighing the possible outcome of the meeting. Over the past week there has been talk of establishing the swop arrangement between the Fed and other central banks that would allow the American authoridies so intervene in support of the doller and forsign exchange markets. But swops already exist and have not been fully used

German reaction to the dollar's fall probably gives a clue-to future monetary developments. Dr. Otmar Emminger, president of the West German federal bank.

gave a speech in Bonn on Thursday in which he stressed that the dollar was

But he appeared resigned to Germany having to live with an overvalued Deutschemark for some time, and it appears as if the federal bank, at least, will adjust to the new situation next Thursday by cutting its Bank rate from 3.5 per cent to 3 per cent.

Also interesting was the statement last Tuesday of Dr. Hans Apel, the West German Finance Minister. Dr Apel issued

his statement on the day that the Deutsche mark fell to its record trading low of

But in compast to Dr Fretz Leurwiler, the Swiss National Bank president, who the night before had publicly accused the United States of "sheer neglect" of the dollar, Dr Apel west out of his way to stress the cooperation between the federal bank and the Fed in combating the dollar's fall. later emerged that both Dr Emminger

It later emerged that both Dr Emminger and Dr Apel were at a meeting of finance ministers from Germany, France, Britain and the United States in Paris last weekend which was also attended by Dr Burns. Their statuments probably reflected the views of realists when it came to devising ways of lifting the value of the dollar. Some mometary sources have suggested that the bankers in Baske could well contentrate more on medium-term policies to stabilize the dollar-such as harmonizing interest rates and monetary aggregates—rather than trying to impress the markets

psychological impact.
This view could well gain the upper hand if the bunkers felt there was room for a technical recovery in the dollar exchange rate in the coming weeks. The moderate recovery staged by the dollar inwards the end of last week is unlikely to detract from the gravity of the discussions as foreign exchange markets remain extremely volatile.

· Officially the talks in Basie fall within the framework of the routine monthly dissions between central bankers at the

Bank for International Settlements
But for Japan, Germany and Switzerland as well as the smaller countries
linked with Germany in the European joint float, the present situation of foreign exchange markets is anything but routine.

Over the past week or so the ven,
Deutsche mark and Swiss franc have shot up in value to record heights against the dollar while the strength of the Deutsche mark has exerted a strain upon the European "snake", pushing the Dutch guilder, Belgian franc and Danish and Norwegian crowns down to their Serman currency.

The movements have been accompanied by extensive central bank intervention. Dollar purchases by the federal bank in Frankfurt last week were said to be on a

insurance

By Christopher Thomas

Labour Reporter

(ASTMS).

recruitment

sice is knoming between two

unions which have failed to

agree on territorial divisions in

the financial world. The clash

is between the National Union of Bank Employees (Nube) and the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs

The TUC has made it abun-

a deal over recruisment in the Guardian Royal Exchange, whose staff union leaders want to join Nube.

As yet there are no signs of a deal. The TUC said that in

that event it could not stand in

the way of a transfer of engage-

probably in February or

Deadlock on

## Mr Yeo's prescription for the ailing dollar

The aims of American economic policy remain unclear and there are widespread worries about the extent to which major industrial nations are willing to cooperate in coordinating their economic poli-

This confusion is reflected, for example, in the continuing pressure on the dollar in the exchange markets.

There is a danger that th confusion may persist and assume greater proportions if the next summit meeting of the leaders of the key industrial countries is perceived to be a failure, argues Mr Edwin Yeo, the former Under-Secretary of the Treasury for Monetary Affairs, and now chairman of the Asset and Liability Committee of the First National Bank of Chicago. Bunk of Chicago.

Bunk of Chicago,
In his lirst interview since leaving the Treasury carier this year, Mr Yeo highlights the confused state of affairs by noting that the United States is squeezing the profit margin of foreign corporations and retarding the growth of foreign economies by allowing the dollar to depreciate while calling upon foreign covernments to adopt

foreign governments to adopt more expanionist policies. Balance of payments adjustment he regards as necessary but it should be the result of deliberate policies and, today the real question is are we going to run the system or not?"

does not mean increasing intervention by central banks in the exchange markets to regulate exchange rates. Such an approach just did not work. He favoured much greater coopera-tion between the key industrial countries in the formulation of economic policies, lending to greater policy coordination.

Mr Yeo refrains from blunt

criticism of the Carter Administration, but everything he says reflects a disenchantment with its approach and a most thoughtful and provoking explanation of the confusion that s so widespread. He points out that the eco

dantly clear that it wants them to sort themselves into "spheres, of influence" that would leave Nube in banking, with ASTMS keeping its sights on insurance. But that, it seems, is not to be. A TUC disputes committee award gave a deadline of December 5 for the unions to reach a deal over recruitment in the nomy is expanding more rapidly than foreign economies, and together with the continuing lack of an energy policy, it is not at all surprising that the United States should be running For the United States today

there was no such thing as domestic economic policy, only international economic policy, ments by the GRE union to Nube, and the staff union will as the American economy was roo large and the dollar too March—on whether or not to merge. It has 5,700 members and negotiates for 7,000 emimportant to the global econo-mic system for any of its poli-The Administration would move to dispel many of the

uncertainties about the course of its economic policy. This was a vital first step towards stabiliz-ing the doller and clearing away much of the confusion.

"The Federal Reserve Board's "The mederal Reserve Board's independence has to be unequivocally affirmed . . . one of the most unfortunate developments of the year has been the sense that monetary policy has once again become a political issue."

Frank Vogi

## Britain to seek another deferment of EEC exchange controls pledge

Britein will probably apply this, week to the European Economic Community for permission to postpone again most of the easing of exchange controls, imposed by its creaty controls, imposed by its treaty. Of long-term capital if exchange obligations.

Informal talks have been believes it has a case for going on for roughly a month demanding a further extension between officials of the of the deadline, although the Treasury and the European United Kingdom is already Commission, but they are overdue in its application of rapidly approaching the crucial the rules enforcing free movement which the Government ment of capital.

British application.

Mr. Healey, the Chancellor, and M. Francois-Xavier Ortoll, the Vice-President of the Commission in charge of monetary

The Covernment argues that the apparent picture of payments success presented by the latest capital inflow figures is misleading because of the effects of bor money which could be matched by outflows of long-term capital if exchange controls were eased. In these controls were eased.

phase at which the Government will have to seek a formal derogation from its pledge to the European Commission us scrap many capital outflow countries on January 1.

A meeting of the Countries as shares than it is on massion, to be held on December 21, is likely to be the last date on which Commission the Commission of the Countries on which Commission the Commission has tradimembers could decide on a tradimembers could be a tradimembers could be a tradimembers of the countries of

and plant.

The Commission has traditionally been more cancerned to see liberalization of direct lovestment flows because they are tied so closely to jobs and the flow of goods.

In addition to be worth authorities. In addition, it is much easter to restrict the benefits of liberalization to EEC countries

than to try to impose the same kind of restrictions on portfolio investment. This is because

ment is likely to try to make sure that any concessions it makes are restricted to the

Even here, however, it is likely to give kille ground. One possibility would be to ease the "supercriterion" under which an investment abroad is supposed to benefit the balance of payments within 18 months. An extension to three years might be a possibility.

The unity possibility of an easing on the indirect investment side might be to relax the 25 per cent "surrender rule", under which anyone who has bought investment currency at the spatial high exchange rate paid for capital movements has to sell a quarter of the funds realize the investment.

Such a change would not sigcapital, it is argued, but it is thought that the Prime Minister himself personally ruled out such a move in October.

#### Aerospace to fund own

reached agreement to lift its producer of industrial gases in the United States, from 34 to

49 per cent at a cost of \$77.4m (about £43m).

Its initial objective was to but the Airco board insisted that, for the sake of its links with the American steel producers and its numerous small distributors, actual control should remain with the American shareholders.

BOC has also been pushed bard on price. Last month it indicated that it might pay \$40 a share in a render offer, com-pared with less than \$30 before negotiations were revealed, and \$20 it paid for its initial hold-ing late in 1973. In fact, BOC's tender offer is

to be at \$43 a share,
A key feature of the agreement is that BOC will have the
right, at any time within the
next five years, to increase its. stake to a ceiling of 55 per

Financial Editor, page 21

#### Three members of Opec 'ready to cut oil price?

New York, Dec 11.—Regard-less of the pricing decisions made by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries at their December 20 meeting in Caracas, the three key Afri-can members are moving jointly towards a price cut. Petroleum Intelligence Weekly

reports.

Acknowledging that their crude oil is overpriced, Algeria already has informed customers it plans to cur its quality premium differential some 15-20c (8p to 11p) a barvel and Libya and Nigeria are considering similar moves, according to the magazine.

The three concerned with

The three, concerned with sagging demand that has weekened demand for their light crude, also have been dis-cussing a "production pro-gramme" to reduce output and supply surplus.—AP-Dow Jones. . A changed world, page 21

By Arthur Reed

British Aerospace, the new nationalized aircraft manufacturing industry, have been told by the Government that they rather than the taxpayer must finance future research and development of civil projects.

The Government policy is being contested by the state board and representations are due to be made by them to the Department of Industry in the near future.

Department of mansity in the near future.

Their executives are preparing for a batzle, not so much on the grounds of money but on the question of principle.

They will tell government ministers that the results of civil aerospace research—mili-tary research will continue to be paid for by government—has "fallout" far beyond the serospace industry.

If the Government do not

fund civil aerospace research, British Aerospace will meet the bill themselves, but at a much lower level because of the comparatively smaller funds available to them. This could result in their finished products being more expensive than chose of their compeniors.

Ar the same time many of At the same time many of their most promising future designers and technicians will probably leave to work abroad The controversy was referred to during the weekend by Lord Beswick, chairman of Beswick, chairman of British Asrospace, when he addressed a meeting of government scientists. He said that the concept of independent profitability should not be pushed by the Government to the point of penalizing the industry.

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## Lending rate 7 pc

The Bank of England's minimum lending rate is unchanged at 7 per cent. The following are the results of Friday's Treasury Bill Tender:

Applications 288°m Allotted Bids at '06.31's Received Prov week 298.36 Received Prov week 258.31 c. Next Friday 2450m Replace

## ployees. Mr Leif Mills, Nube general secretary, said he did not want to see the two unions attacking each other over recruitment territories. But there was a duty to give people the chance of joining a TUC union, and the staff union would not join ASTMS if at had not been permitted to join Nube. A mercer would be Nube's research By Arthur Reed A merger would be Nube's first incursion into insurance. At present it has members only in the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office and Sun Life of Canada. If GRE joins, Nube will probably set up a special insurance section.

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" includes associated tax credit.

Earnings per share .....

Burgess Micro Switch Company and its overseas subsidiaries have had a successful year, with all three companies improving both turnover and profit tigures. Burgess Power Tools' sales have strengthened in an uncertain market and exports are buoyan in spite of import restrictions operative in some areas.

Steady progress is envisaged during the current year. Burgess Products' sales and profits improved and the current year has opened with increased demand for all products, andpositive growth in both home and export markets is anticipated. Considerable emphasis has been laid on technical improvement and tooling and much new business is being derived from

additional engineering facilities now available. At Burgess Architectural Products the full impact of the recession in the U.K. construction industry has been felt, but promising export enquiries are being pursued in an affort to

compensate for the depressed home market, Burgass Industrial Silencing has again incurred losses, albeit lower than last year, and every effort is being made to speed its return to profitable trading with turther improvements being expected in the Gurrent year.

## **European Court rebuffs** plea by United Brands

From Our United States
Economics Correspondent
Los Angeles, Dec 11
America's trade unions are the marion's fabour laws, and

By Derek Harris both parties to make further Commercial Editor representations to the court A decision against respenting after what is normally the last orac proceedings has been akt in its hearings, in which the taken by the European Court, Advocate General gives his it is understood, in the appeal opinion.

The Advocate General follows all aspects of the case, against a controversial EEC assessing the facts and legal Commission decision that the issues, and his opinion is both company abused its dominant a summing up and a recom-market position.

Economics Correspondent Los Angeles, Dec 11

the promises that were made in last year's election campaign.

under the continuing leader-ship of Mr George Meany, who

is 83; has agreed upon a long:

shopping list of measures.
They also demand that the

Administration supports them, giving warning that it will suffer election defeats next

mear unless it meets the unions! demands. Resolutions passed here or

likely to be passed in the next couple of days of the AFL-CIO conference, commit the unions to press for a buse public works

The AFL-CIO organization,

company abosed its dominant a summing up and a recommental position.

No date has yet been decided. If the court had decided to for the court to give its verditt on the appeal, which could have might have been seen as an imajor implications for other multipational companies. Advocate General's opinion, operating within the Community.

The decision not to reopen the court's procedure that parties in a case do not the proceedings is itself likely to spark off confroversy mornally have the opportunity to spark off confroversy mornally have the opportunity to comment on points raised the court's rules of procedure. It would have been an exceptional coarse for the court to it could seek clarification of the rake but it would have allowed

take but it would have allowed indigment Unions list demands for Carter support

angry. They feel the Carter much leaster monetary policies.
Administration, which they together with the dismissal of helped to elect, has let them Dr Arthur Burns as chairman down and failed to fulfil all of the Federal Reserve. The conference is due to pass strongly worded protectionist

resolution tomorrow, which calls for import quotes, higher tariffs, and craries on United States private investment abroad. The unions want new lexislation to support these demands. Surprisingly, they have won firm support from a number of leading Liberal politicians

The top priority for the union enough. Full employment is jobs. Speaker after speaker promises must be backed up has noted that there are still with comprehensive. has noted that there are still with comprehensive, effective seven, million unemployed americans, half of them under goal. Anything less is unacceptable."

employment rate among young black Americans close to 40 per The government's Secretaries of Housing, Energy, and Labour, together with Mr Walter Mon-

dale, the vice-president, all-spoke to the conference, but none provided any new concrete measures to satisfy the unions. Mr F. Ray Marshall, Secretary of Labour, however, did would have two million people in public works programmes h

Mr Meany reflected the annovance of the unions with the its telationships with foreign multinationals involved in the United States or planning to become involved in the United States. Further, he says it is in

a position: W provide a much better service to foreign multi-nationals in countries other than:

those where they have their

Business News. They describe how Volvo has attempted to deal with the problem through the development of group work-

"The Flight from Work, by Göran Palm (Combridge University Press, £4.35) and People at Work, by Petr G. Gyllenhammar (Addison-Wealey, £5.95).

### MANAGEMENT

taking place in the management of the large American commercial banks to cope more effectively with the challenges raised by increasing incernational and investment bank-

Early this year the Consinen-ted Bank of Chicago implemented a reorganization plan which is a model of the sort of changes that are now taking

The approach by Continental and by other banks is to some extent a long overdue response to fundamental changes in the financial requirements of large corporations. Multinational companies take a global view of their operations and want their bankers to take a similar

In today's investment and financial climate the distinc-tions between domestic and international wholesale operations for large banks are not merely becoming unnecessarily arbitrary but are also leading to a high degree of inefficiency. Continental Bank's response has been effectively to merge a large part of its domestic and nternational operations...

Mr George Baker, the alert and articulate overlord of the bank's largest operating sector, the so called general banking services division, believes that the worth every cent of the \$2.5m planning costs and all the difficulties that arose. Mr Baker's organization is based on four divisions that hope to overcome all the probdifferences of treatment which y flowed from the distinction between

The commercial banking services division is one of the four main branches. It deals with local business in the Chicago national business matters and it also has a "special industries" group, which concentrates on mining, oil and gas, utilaties, contractors and shipping and

has held a fascination for many Britons. It seemed that the country had achieved the

miracle that has eluded us of combining social enlightenment

with economic efficiency, to gain the highest standard of living in Europe. More recently doubts have developed as to

how much longer Sweden can

However, in complex modern societies the health of a country

is to be judged not by its free-dom from problems, but by its

com from problems, but by its success in coping with them as they emerge. It may be symbolic of Sweden's past successes and encouraging for the future that

continue this fear.

Banks shape up to the needs of multinationals

The new approach by Continental and other banks is to some extent a long overdue response to fundamental changes in the financial requirements of large corporations?

Fascination of watching Swedes at work

tion of the special industries sector, is not involved in dealing with multinational Ameri-

can companies.

The multinationals are dealt the staff of the commercial division to pay more attention than has been the case in the past to improving relations with nonmultinational American com-

On the international side a division has been created, supported by many branches, that deals with all commercial international business apart from the needs of multinational corporations. This division continues to focus on broad global economic conditions, as well as operating on a regional basis, with four sectors established for Europe, Latin America and Canada, Asia and Australia and Africa and the Middle East.

in English within the past couple of months, the one diagnosing a problem and the other describing how one con-

pany has attempted a solution.

early 1970s spent a year as a production worker with L. M. Bricsson, the Swedish electronics firm, and on this basis has produced a study of worker alienation. His central theme is that trade union activity has approximately the street of the production of the pro

concentrated on enhancing life outside work rather than on

making employment fulfilling.

of Sweden's past successes and creases is that leisure time beencouraging for the future that comes richer, and the whole
two books of Swedish provenonce, by Göran Palm and Pehr is that leisure time becomes

Mr Palm is a poet who in the

national customers. The head of this division, Mr Joe Ander-son, notes that there are about 420 multinational companies in the world, about 280 of them with head offices in the United States. Continental has 283 multinationals among its clients. For each multinational a special team of bank employees has been created. This consists of a leader who is based near

the head office of the multi-national company—in Chicago in the case of International Harvester and in London in the case of a British multinational.

Besides the leader, the team consists of multinational division staff placed around the world wherever a key financial officer of the multinational corporation happens to be.

Mr Anderson argues that his

division is now in a position greatly to improve the bank's A multinational division has relationships with its United been created solely to serve States-based multinational corner global needs of multi-porate clients and to strengthen

need now is to enhance the role of the employee at work, the drift of his ideas being best

summed up in the words of his final sentence: " ... and soon the employees can take over."

Mr Gyllenhammar, who became president of the Volvo

motor company in 1971, would hardly follow Mr Palm to his

final conclusion, but their diag-noses of the problem—a prob-lem reflected in appallingly high labour turnover, and absence-

ism figures—have much in

Mr Gyllenhammar was helped

in the production of his book by Nancy Foy, who has contri-buted many articles on man-

**Edited by Rodney Cowton** 

A group exploiting the potential of computers

Cutting across the lines of the commercial, international Negotiating with a potential customer in Japan, Mr "Slim" Advani, technical director of multinational divisions to some extent is the new financial services division. This embraces all of Continental's Michell Bearings, part of the Vickers group, was asked to omestics American investment banking type operations as well as its London merchant bank accept basic changes in the commercial terms of a proposed and its international activities deal involving equipment for Canada. Back at the works in concerned with cash manage-ment (including foreign ex-Scotswood Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, his telephoned amendments were fed into a computer-held financial model and the revised figures were telephoned back to him within 24 hours. change advisory services), trade finance, leasing, corporate finance and private "place-ment" business and a range of other operations that provide 24 hours.

The bank's flexibility in this At Vickers' South Marston whole reorganized structure is evidenced in the "special in-dustries" department of the commercial backing service division. In the past this deworks, Swindon, a computer based: control system ha resulted in better coordination of manufacturing operations. Information is fed into terparment had no international responsibilities. Today it is responsible domestically and internationally for all the bank's business in its six secminals at various points in the factory; instant answers are now available to queries on stock levels, estimating and price levels. tors, including the servicing of

Working from an engineering drawing of a component displayed on the acreen of a computer terminal it is possible the mukinational companies in these sectors.

It has staff men based abroad and a range of experts to automate the process of comwith long experience in what Mr G. K. Bergman, the sector's director, calls the "unique partment of Industry's Com-buter Aided Design Centre at Cambridge is collaborating on the companies involved in his six areas. this experimental project.

These three examples of com-puting as practised by Vickers, and many other computer appli-cations within the company, are complicated, but this is in able in ensuring rapid and effi-cient communications between all sectors of the bank. The responsibilities of each of the now being coordinated developed centrally. A comput-ing policy committee has been set up with an emment com-puter academic as chairman and divisional directors are clearly defined, but each stresses that the whole structure is flexible and that the bank is now better there is a clear point of focus for the company's various com-puter developments. prepared than ever to make changes as the characteristics

This focus is at Interlink House, Scotswood Road, New-castle, where the management castle, where the management services division (MSD) of the engineering group of Vickers set up its computer centre in 1975. Mr Phil Fellows, an American computer consultant (who had earlier worked on Univac's computer system for British European Airways), had been recruited to head this division in 1973. sion in 1973.

ing and a more participative At that time computing in Vickers was based on a frag-mented collection of different Volvo's moves in this direc-tion are known throughout the world. They go nothing like as far as Mr Palm would wish, but systems. Each group within the company was responsible for its own batch-processing methods and a mixture of comthey demonstrate an ability in Sweden to seek practical solutions to problems, an ability which is not always apparent

Mr Fellows began by tackling the requirements of the parent engineering group and of the Howson-Algraphy group, which supplies lithographic plates for the printing industry. In paracular, his team set about developing new production-courned systems, not in isolation but via joint-venture projects with international Computers and the Department of Industry.

A network of computers pased on the small ICL 2903 was planned and progressively implemented. Gradually, the links were established which outers to be used via terminels at remote locations. In Novem-ber, 1975, the computer centre or Interlink House was opened with an ICL 1903T as the hul network, and expansion con-

Developments this year have included the introduction of an u the locerlink centre.

This terminal system was a joint Vickers/ICL/Doll development, designed to speed the flow of information from shopfloor to management. The On-Line Manufacturing

Control system at South Mar-ston is accorder example of joint development between the Industry support.

In November, 1977, a E750,000 KCL 2960 computer was commissioned at Interlink House to take over from the 1903T as the hub of the system. 1903T as the bub of the system. But the most significant development this year was a double move to widen and strengthen Vickers' adoption of cost-effective computing systems. First, a computing policy committee was set up, with Professor Gordon Black as their man, to constitute and hairman, to coordinate and advise on computer use across In parallel, the role of the management services division (previously part of Vicker engineering group) was broadened so that the division functioned on a corporate basis. It was to report via the policy committee to Mr Jim Hendiu, as assistant managing director of Vickers.

Mr Headin is also chairman and has been closely associ-ated with the new computing efforts since 1973. It was his decision to set up the new

Michell Bearings, by the way, won the Japanese contracts, worth £340,000.

Kenneth Owen Technology Correspondent

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## What makes a good company director

From the Director-General of the Institute of Directors Your correspondent, Mr William Goodsort (December 6), in writing about the White Paper on the constact of com-

peny directors has fallen into the trap of confusing the role of the individual director with Directors' function

board as a corporate entry. The impertant thing for the success of the board is that, as an integrated team, it should have the necessity page of individual skills. That does not individual skills. That does not individual mean that every individual director must have all the skills or the same skills.

A board exercises corporate fudgment on behalf of parties inverested in the company. The professional individual a lawver. a doctor-to whom you go ror special answers to special questions, or again, for Mr Goodhart's HGV driver, who has a specific job to the driving his vehicle—and whose compensance to do it is easily measurable. Does he or does he not surrive safely and on

The White Paper is thus right to make the distinction between the duty of care owed.

that of skill owed by the board as a whole.

That is not to say that no degree of training should be involved, or that qualifications for the job of company directions for the job of company directions. tor are inappropriate.
We have always impressed

bers of this institute or not—that they have a responsibility to know what their thity of care consists of. It is spelled out in our own "Guidefines for Directors", and it is emphasized in all the courses for directors which we run. At the same time, we endeavour to give them certain stells and understanding which appear to be or should be part of every director's mental fur

every director's mental fur

We are very much attracted to the idea of a qualification for directors to demonstrate that they have acquired these necessary skills and knowledge. But we do not believe that such a qualification should be a prerequisite for all members

Such an arrangement would destroy the freedom which companies need to obtain the best possible blend of skills and qualities in their boardroom. And worse, it would remove the opportunity for the man who has the flair and abi-lity, and who demonstrates it by his success in business, to beat his own path to rie boardroom; if we close this door we shall keep out some of our most original and creative entrepreneurial talent. Yours faithfully,

JAN HILDRETH, Director-General, Institute of Directors, 10 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PW. December 8.

for not making any "construc-tive" proposals in the direction

of workers participation. Is it

normally assumed that an engineer who shows that a new mechanical device camot work must invent another one himself

for his argument to be valid?
There are far too many would-

be social and economic innova-tors around as it is. Their

failures, especially in Eastern Europe, makes one wonder whether there is any "constructive alternative" to liberal democracy and a market economy with private management and free trade unions. These arrangements could be usefully supplemented by workers representative councils.

workers' representative councils and by policies to reduce the size of companies as suggested by myself in Hobart Paper 77, Yours truly,

eparament of Political

Economy. Adam Smith Building.

L. SIRC,

Industrial democracy 'illusions'

Sir, Allow me to express surprise at the review of the Hobart Paper 77, to which I have contributed, in your business section (November 14). ness section (November 14).

The reviewer's perochialism is disturbing: because the Bullock report has been allegedly buried, there is no longer any need to discuss its principles. Can that be true at a time when the same principles are offered as a solution by all sorts of Eurocommunists and some other and so decoders? other sorts of do-gooders? Therefore, it could easily be resurrected in this country by people who do not understand what is involved.

what is involved.

The reviewer believes that the conclusions of the paper on the topic Can workers manage? will please managers. I, for one, do not care to whom my conclusions appeal—I, tried to point out the fallacies inherent in the so-called industrial democracy that here the workers. mocracy that harm the workers as consumers and give them

University of Glasge Glasgow GI2 8RT. November 15. little as producers.
Essentially, it is a disguise to transform management by busi-nessmen who are dependent on nessmen who are dependent on profits and, hence, on control by political managers who have access to taxes and inflationary issue and care little for economic efficiency.

The Yugoslav ideologist Kardelj admitted, in his speech

to the Yugoslav Central Com-mittee on June 13, that there cannot be any question of "spontaneous" management by by the League of Communists; that is, management is by its political nominees rather than by workers. .

Lack of knowledge and mis-Lack of knowledge and misunderstanding of events in
Yugoslavia lead many to filusions. It is not just me that
considers the Yugoslav system
a failure as the reviewer
implies. Under the heading of
"Worker-management debate
goes back to busics", Professor
Singleton explained at some
length in your own colutions on
March 23 that the Yugoslav
reforms started in 1965 have
finished in an imposse.

The same is claimed by Professor Deborah Milenkovitch in
the American Economic Review

the American Economic Review of February 1977. Who could be enthusiastic about an economy whose investment selection is so bad that the investment of about 30 per cent of the gross social product during the post-war period 1948-77, produced over 6 per cent went into un-salable inventories and under-utilized capacities. Further, the cent of its non-agricultural population.

350,000

Science and the 'art' of engineering

Sir, Mr McMee (letters, November 23) received so answer the very next day, from no less an authority than Professor Sir Hugh Ford.

In defining as an engineer the possessor of a degree in engineering, however, Sir engineering, however, Sir Hugh overlooks the fact thathe would have been taught engineering science" by lecwhen know little of the art of engineering that is implicit in the basic sense of ingenuity and native wit in the application of their knowledge.

The semantic problem does not exist in continental course tries, where ingenieur is a title borne proudly by men was have undergone a long and u technology, not "engineering science "

The uniquely British difficulty dates not back to Chancer but to a little over a century ago. Then, in an arrears in technical education, we failed to understand that the curricula of the continental coles polytechniques were geared to the needs of industry". We see today the results of this enlightened policy in the competitiveness of European countries. In their managements we find a preponderance of engineers.

Sir Hugh hopes for training within industry along medical school lines. This is highly desirable. Unfortunately, the great natural engineers of previous generations, many of whom would not have met Sir. Hugh's criterion, have become increasingly rare. This makes it essential that univer it es and polytechnics should accept the responsibility for teacing applied technology as well as engineering science". In this connexion the writings of Lord Ashby are commended a sca-demics as well as to the Finniston Inquiry. Yours faithfully,

FRANK NIXON, Southles, 77 Hazlewood Road, Duffield, Derby DE6 4AA

#### A default?

Prom Mr Arthur Polin Sir, Your correspondent Hugh Stephenson (December 5) is surely in error in his statement that no one can remember the last time the British Govern-ment defaulted on a loan? I can remember. What about 33 per cent War Loan? Now repayable 1952 or after. Yours faithfully, ARTHUR PALIN, 7 Sunnyside. Liver pool L8 3TD.

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ment in British Government stocks which has a set of effective gearing.

Looking to the faiture, your directors anticipate further appreciation in the UK market. The increasing benefits of North Sea oil, ingether with the more prudent monetary policy pursued by the government since the visit of the IMF at the end of 1976, have induced a major recovery is confidence, both at home and abroad, in the British

economy.

With regard to the USA, there has been reason for pursuing a cautious policy and for retrenchment. However, market valuations of companies show appear to be low by international companisons and the time may be approaching when it would be wise once again to increase your company's investment in that area.

investment in that area. The Japanese market is near to its historic high. Nevertheless, the market is near to its historic high. Nevertheless, the market appreciation of the currency may create problems for the economy as a whole end the exporting industries in particular. Thus, although the longer term outlook appears as arrong as ever, your Directors do not expect to increase the commitment to Japan in the near.

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#### BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

## Gilts: looking beyond the short-term

early Christmas dinner. In gross terms it a fifth to the capital value looks as if the authorities may have got rid ment, or almost £5 m. it may well be that net sales were substan-

tially less.

The assumption, anyway, is that despite a large public sector borrowing requirement; the authorities have now tied up the December money supply situation very satisfactorily. And, given the year-end replenishment of institutional liquidity they should be fairly well set to keep the fund-

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ing programme rolling.
Whether or not a small cut in MLR will be seen as a desirable come-on will probably depend on events. But ahead of the holiday the authorities may well shy away from the idea and should find the discount market right enough this week to make their views

clear if necessary.

The real question about the current gilt market rally is, of course, whether it can in fact travel all that far. The market has started increasingly to look at 1978-79 prospects over recent weeks and, by and large, takes a cautious view. The main concerns are the potential pressure on money supply as economic growth gathers momentum, and, in the second half of 1978, the possibility of fresh upward acceleration in

the retail price index.

That said, general opinion is probably that, barring a wages explosion, the down-side risk in long dated stock is limited and that the upside potential could still be reasonable if the wages policy goes better

than expected. More difficult to judge is the market's likely response if the balance of payments deteriorates sharply, thanks, say, to increasing import penetration, sluggish exports, or the reversal of this year's favourable capital

Technically, a deterioration could help the control of the money supply. But for the gilt market, a great deal would almost certainly depend on how investors read the causes of any deterioration. The reality of seeing that the North Sea defences were anything but impregnable could be traumatic.

Dividends

#### Another year unt Hue of controls?

The search for ways around dividend control has lost some of its urgency recently as companies have increasingly come to look to the ending of controls next July as being an early enough opportunity to correct some of the dividend anomalies that have arisen during the era of restraint. Stock market analysts have for some time now been basing share assessments very largely on assump... tions about the likely pay-outs that will occur when controls are removed. But are

The Treasury evidence to the Wilson Committee shows that Whitehall recognises that dividend restraint disterts capital markets undesirably. But control of dividends has been inextricably linked in the minds of politicians with control of pay. The assumption that dividends will be freed has been based on the belief that pay restraint will end next year, and that it would, in any case, require new legislation to extend the present controls. It now appears, however, that Mr Healey is intent upon a Phase Four, in which case the City might have to concede the possibility—at this stage it clearly is no more—that it would not be politically permissible to extend pay restraint for another year while companies are freely doubling ortrebling dividend payments.

In the meantime, however, not all com-panies have abandoned the search for loopholes. Last week Electronic Rentals came up with a more than doubled dividend as part of its battle against the facility bid from Philips Industries. Philips had already said it did not want the bid to succeed and was only making it to comply with Takeover Panel requirements when it raised its stake from just under to just over 30 per cent of ER. The question, of course, was why, if Philips did not want the bid to succeed, it should have spent £185,000 increasing its

As a result of the dividend increase,

Their appetites whetted by the November. Philips gross income from ER will be about banking figures and greater optimism on the £900,000 higher than it was previously, and, pay front; the institutions had their feet because of all these contortions ER's share straight back in the trough last week for an price has gone up from 99p to 120p, adding a fifth to the capital value of Philips' invest-

#### The momentum builds up

United Kingdom exchange control restrictions are plainly not blunting the keenness of British companies for a United States presence with the path beaten by the likes of Racal, Beecham and Turner & Newall over the past year gaining momentum in the past week or so.

Thus Unitever is deep in talks with National Starch, the acquisition of which would fundamentally alter the structure of the group, Hanson Trust is beavering away in its United States operations with a possible merger that could lead to a food group developing with sales of \$1.000m. developing with sales of \$1,000m a year, BOC is stepping up its Airco stake (which I discuss below) and potentially most excit-ing of all GEC has reactivated its United States aspirations in a big way."

Clearly, then, the attractions of the world's largest (and by international standards still fast-growing) market at a time when Wall Street and the dollar are flat on their back are too good an opportunity to miss. The paradox is that despite all the grumblings about exchange control financing United States acquisitions appears to be the last

The reason for this is that United States capital markets are more than happy to lend against United States assets but are extremely wary about lending to overseas companies to develop their United States business from the bottom. The private placement market in the United States has an almost bottomless capacity to fund overseas acquisitions of United States assets.

That is the route United Biscuits, for instance, has used to fund its United States operations and Unilever will almost certainly tap this market for its National Starch purchase rather than use the American quote of Unilever NV; its Dutch arm.



The objec chairman is Sir Leslie Smith (above), in ruising its Airco stake has been to get total security of control so that the two businesses can work properly together. This it has achieved with 49 per cent, but that holding the maximum acceptable to Airco's board which wanted the business to remain visibly American-owned, falls short of the stake necessary for consolidation which BOC was clearly after.

BOC will consolidate Airco nevertheless, on the alternative grounds that it will con-trol a majority of the board. At Airco's annual meeting next May BOC will take the power to appoint the necessary majority, although it wants to keep at least some of the present non-executives on the board. It in any case, reserved to itself the right to increase its stake up to 55 per cent within the next five years if it can present a cogent reason to the Airco board.

In short, BOC has got the substance, if not the detail of what it set out to get. The effect of consolidation will be negligible on gearing but it will add a little to earnings per share. The only complication is that, unlike BOC, Airco does not revalue its assets and BOC will therefore have to apply a revaluation factor for the purpose of its

#### Hugh Stephenson

## Local authority debt: a solution to the problem

discussed in this column last week, seem to have been first swallows resher then a true return of summer for fixed interest borrowing by British companies. When, however, such borrowing does return it will be all the more important to remove the present anomaly created by local authority borrowing in the fixed interest market. interest market.
Since it is perfectly easy to do away

with the distortion which local authorities create in this market, while at the same time cutting public expenditure painlessly and at a stroke, it is greatly to be hoped that the reform can be made. The distortion arises because for reasons that are not.

were most local authorities must have a worse credit rating than central government itself.

By extension, even the best British company borrowing domestically has to have a marginally worse rating than a local muthority, for otherwise the rating system would appear not to be internally consistent.

good companies will pay a greater price for fixed interest money than would be the case if their credit ratings were directly compared with the ultimately safe borrower, namely the British-Government.

In practice borrowing by a local authority in this country is as safe as authority in this country is as safe as any lending can be. West Ham was the last local authority to default and that was in the mid-1920s. Successive Chancellors have said in the most solemn terms that, although local authority debt is not gilt-edged, in gractice no government would now allow a default. So why do local authorities have to pay a clear 1 to 2 per cent over the government rate for their money?

Many and various are the reasons given. It is said that people remember that the Mersey Docks and Herbour Board was allowed to go; or are nervous because of what happened in New York. But the supposed inequity with the Mersey Docks was precisely that people had been led to believe

was as secure as a local enthority and were shocked to discover that it was not. And, unlike New York, local authorities here may not borrow for revenue, as opposed to espiral expenditure, and they have their capital expenditure rightly controlled by central government through the procedure of requiring loan sanction for almost executing for almost everything.

More plausibly, it is suggested that lines of local authority debt are less marketeble because the issues are smaller. Coupled with the fact that amaler. Coupled with the fact that capital appreciation in local authority paper is liable to capital gains tax, which is not the case with gilt-edged held for more than one year, this may well be a factor which accounts for the market rating for this kind of borrowing. If that is so, the solution to the problem is simple.

Local authority associations have long represented that the capital gains concession for gifts should be extended to their debt. A much simpler solution is to abolish local

authority borrowing as such entirely. These funds could be provided to local authorities by extending the present scope of the Public Works Loan Board.

The net effect on the real public

sector borrowing requirement would be ail. The investment public would simply be offered fewer local authority bonds and more gilt-edged stock. The problems about marketability and capital gains would have been "finessed". The marginal effect on the price at which the Government could sell its debt would be insignificant.

Some would object that this would be a further erosion of the independ-ence of local authorities. But regulation by central government circular has become so extensive in financial and other areas in recent years that in reality most of that independence has already been eroded. Meanwhile-if the cost of local authority teot could be reduced by an average of 1 percentage point, that would have saved some £250m of unproductive gov-

## Opec in a changed world

Judging by indications coming from within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), the world's leading oil producers seem likely to settle for only a modest increase in oil prices perhaps under 5 per cent when they meet in Caracas on Monday of near week.

There is even an outside chance that the 13 member states that control more than 30 per cent of the world trade in oil will agree to extend 1977 prices into 1978.

is likely to be unanimous, even though the majority of Opec members would like to see price increases of 8 per cent or more to boost their flegging.

Only two years ago it was the moderates who came to price-fixing meetings talking in terms of increases of 8-10 per cent, compared with the demands for up to 20 per cent from the militants. But the oil producers have found to their cost that dominating the world trade in crude oil is not enough to ensure continually rising prices if demand for oil is well below Opec's productive capacity.

pare for the journey to Venesuela, even the bardliners Venezuela, even the hardliners cannot ignore the evidence of their the depressed state of their industry. Demand for oil in the main industrielized countries of Europe. North America and Japan is nising only slowly, at a time when the new oilfields of Alaska and the North Sea or Alaska and the North Sea are increasing their output day by day. Between them these new sources are providing about two million barrels of oil a day that previously would have been bought from Opec mem-

#### Production cut

oil from non-Opec sources with the result that nearly all the members of the exporters' club have seen their daily production circ sometimes quite sharply. It also seems likely that growth in Alaskan and North Sea out-out in the new year will absorb any small increases in consumo-tion, that occur, so that the Opec states will have to wait for a significant rise in con-sumption to make invokes into their five and a half million barrels a day of surplus capacity.

The advent of new oil sources, compled with low demand, has hit hardest the producers of the less schable grades of medium and heavy crude oil in the Middle East. In an effort to sup production and to stop production and revenues fasting any farther, some states have been giving their customers unofficial discounts.

Price cutting is not confined to the Middle Best alone. In



Old and new on an Iranian oilfield. Iran has joined those in Opec who are against my large

demand from the Western indus- on will be small.

The Organization of Petroleum trialized world, coupled with the Exporting Countries meets in advent of new sources of oil in Caracas next week. Roger Vielvoye Alaska and the North Sea, make it explains how slow growth in likely that any price increase agreed

Europe, ino, oil companies are reducing their industrial oil and perrol prices in response to skuggish market conditions. Independent oil maders, always eiter to an oil buying bargain, normally stock up well in advance of an Opec price increase so that they can resell their purchases at the higher prices in the new year.

higher prices in the new year. In the last three months of 1976 production in the Opec would shot to record levels as everyone in the oil industry busing furginals about a furginal of an oil industry. expected price increase of 10 per cent or more.
The maders have given their

two verdict on the outcome of the Caracas meeting next week: they expect no dramatic in-creases—carasinly none suf-ficient to justify the cost of leasing tankers and financing the oil during storage.

However, the simple eco

facts of life have never in the past prevented some Opec countries from pushing for increases they could not enforce in the market place. Iraq has been noted for demanding large price rises, agreeing to a compromise on a smaller in-crease and then undercutting these new prices to avoid losing

any market share.

But Opec has suffered the traumatic effects of two-tiered split in the organization at Quar lest year. It rook six months to work out a compro-nise to bring the price struc-tures of Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi and the remaining 11 members back into line. The predictions proved inaccurate

that the Saudis could with their massive surplus capacity force the other members into reduc-ing their prices.

The complexities of two-tiered pricing had a markedly sobering effect and it appears that no one is amious to repeat the

#### 'Moderates'

revolt this year is the statements from the Shah of Iran and Mr Jamschid Amouzegar, his Prime Minister, that their country supports a further freeze on oil prices in the pre-sent state of the world oil industry. Iran thus joins Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi in the moderate camp, creating an irresistible force that accounts for almost half of Opec's present production, with several milion barrels of spere capacity to add to their nego

nize that there could be no two-tiered pricing system in compe-tition with these countries. However, in the new mood of conciliation, that has followed two-tiered pricing it seems that the three moderates may not fully enforce their advantage and will concede a small price increase so that no one feels completely cheated. While ministers of the Arab members of Opec will be keepnize that there could be no two-

Above all, what has ensured Sadar's peace initiative and the activities of his opponents, led that over-supply by Libya, Oper sources do not think that activity in this direction will have any direct effect on pricing decisions. Shakk Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi oil minister, has said a number of times that his continuing stand for moderation in prices must be rewarded with progress towards peace in the Middle Bast. It has always been assumed that this message was aimed directly at the Americans

and observers will be watching the minister's reaction to the Sedat initiative with interest. Depression in world oil mar-

lens that will be on the minds of the 13 ministers at the conference. Almost as serious is the decline in the value of the dollar which is affecting all the members. This is certain to be a priority on the Caracas agenda once the pricing ques-tion has been settled.

Pressure is already building Pressure is already building up within the organization to drop the dollar as the medium for calculating oil prices in favour of a system based on special drawing rights (SDRs). While this idea has many attractions and has been discussed on previous occasions when the dollar has stirred there is not seen the seen that the seen dollar has slipped, there is an ingrained reluciance to abandon the dollar, mainly because most members are convinced that it will bounce back again.

Sources within the organiza-tion expect the debate over SDR pricing to be a long one, but think that it will end with the dollar remaining as the currency for oil pricing, but with a provise that should its value drop again steps will be taken to switch to SDRs.

Also, the problem of over-supply and the fact that Abu Dhabi has ordered a 16 per cent cut in its production ceil-ing next year have stimulated interest in the idea of "pro-duction programming". Making planned cuts in production throughout the Opec countries to eliminate the possibility of future oil gluts has been on the agenda, before, but the difficulties involved in getting the members to agree on where the

#### at peak

realise that controlling produc-tion is the only way of ensuring endanger the pricing system.

Production programming would need to be in operation only out a system acceptable to all the members", one source close to the organization said.

By 1980 most Oper, members expect the North Sea and Alaskan fields to be at their peak and from then on all increases in oil demand will have to be mer from fields within the control of the organization. The result, they can must be further rises in say, must be further rises in prices.

## Norcros Limited Interim Report

for the half year ended 30th September 1977

## "Overall there has been a healthy advance in both sales and profits.."

1 March 1978		year ending March 1977
	Halfyear	Full year
	2000	£'000
97,187	78,221	173,978
62,346	54,712	119,156
13,676	5,873	16,475
13,142	10,312	20.849
£'000	£'000	£'000
5,543	4,525	12,085
. Per share	Per share	Per share
5.55p		13.93p
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## Business Diary in Europe: Products of British initiative

European consumer lawyers have just spent their first EEC-financed working meeting—dis-secting the Commission's draft directive on product liability. directive on product liability.

And it all came about on the initiative of David Tench, who is legal officer of the Consumers' Association and Jimmy Young's right-hand man on ticklish points of consumer law raised by BBC radio listeners.

Tench secured approval, and finance, for the new European Consumer Law Group on the day that the EEC's environment and consumer affains service was moving offices. The head of service could scarcely

head of service could scarcely find a chair on which to six white he considered the propo-sion, but the favourable decision he gave may pay large dividends in future through the Schoolsan Courts.

The lawyers first meeting has resulted in seven proposed unendanelist to the draft directive which are summanced today. Among the most embitious suggestions are that consumers should not have to prove a link etween the defect in the pro-uct and the damage for which hey are claiming compensation, but only the probability of its

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bich goes beyond the British be compulsory insurance for all product mability and compensafron funds to make good any default, so that victims can be suggested full payment of any

strages they win. Shirting the burden of proof notes acpierement it it came.

satisfied themselves that the Commission did not intend—as at appeared they had—to exclude compensation for pain and suffering from their proposals. To the extent that the possis. To the extent that the draft directive omitted it, they say, it was atself a defective product, but it wall be put right before any damage a done.

The murder of Dr. Hans-Martin Schleyer and the terrorizing of other industrialists by Baader-Meinhof sympathizers seem to have reduced German worries about the risks of investing in Northern Ireland.

This is the conclusion reached by Don Concannon Northern Ireland Minister of Stare responsible for industry, and his officials on their three-day industrial promotion tour of Stuttgart, Dusse Cologne fast week Dusseldorf and

"We were amazed that no one had any questions at all about a Concannon nide lfast yesterday. "All said in Belfast yesterday. they wanted to know about were the usual things—produc-tivity, industrial relations, transport costs, factory availa-

In introducing Concannon to an audience of industrialists in Dusseldorf, the president of that city's Chamber of Commerce said: "I will not say anything about security in Northern Ireland. As you know, we have our own problems here."

There were no references to the unsolved abduction four years ago of the Grandig chief in Ulster, Thomas Niedermayer, or the more recent attack on his successor as honorary-German consul in Northern Ireland, Jürgen Gradel, and the mission returned to Belfast with promises of exploratory visits early in the new year.

daily feature these days in front of the French Manistry of of the French Manistry of Finance in the Rue de Livoli. Itate butchers, café owners, fishmongers, bakers and poulterers have taken it in turns to protest in the street at the measures imposed list month by Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, to hold down food prices.

Now it could be the two of the restaurateurs to join the

The latest set of resail price figures covering a period before the new Barre measures came rate force shows that food prices were already drop-ping back and that the new villains of the index are the services, including the restaurants. So last week Barre called the two presidents of the



Raymond Barre:

the service industries to give them a talking to. It is reported that they were They pointed out that services in France had gone up by only 8.8 per tent over the year, less than the index as a whole.

Barre, who has the reputation of being the best economist in France, was not moved. Since 1970, he was able to point out, the index had gone up by 88 per cent, while the service figure alone had gone up by

Figure arouse 94 per cent.

Hotels and restaurants, he could show, were the runaway French champions when it came make increases. Their prices arouse for pr to price increases. Their prices had gone up by 122.5 per cent since 1970 and this year above they were charging an average of 10 per cent more airceady.

It is proving embarrassing for a growing number of Italian businessmen: a magistrate opens an inquiry to see if they have broken the law and orders the withdrawal of their passports to make sure that they remain on hand. Nino Rovelli, chairman of the chemical group Società Italiana Resune, Murio Barone and Resume, Murio Barone and Giovanna Guidi, joint managing directors of Banco Di Roma and

tor general of Italcasse, the central institute for the savings The magistreres can point out that several leading figures in the scandals of past years escaped arrest by going abroad, such as the financier Michele and Camillo Crociani,

Giuseppe Arcaini, former direc-

public are liable to overlook the essential difference: the present cases are all investi-gations into the possibility of laying charges. It is not a question at this stage of issuing warrants and the decision may well be taken not to proceed with any accusation.

Nevertheless, mud has been thrown and in certain instances. it may stick unjustifiably. The iking system, in pa

has become the target of rather emotional, generalized criticism. Questions are now being asked about Italy's legal procedures. Are they giving the people under suspicion a fair deal? Should something be deal? Shown summer done to righten the standards under which magistrates A group of top people from French aerospace were being shown round the Tupolev fac-

ory near Moscow where Concordski supersonie airline is made. Their attention was attracted by a group of workers seated at a huge design table with looks of intense concentra-tion on their faces. Was a new, faster and bigger version of the Concordski being developed, or perhaps a supersonic bomber Permission to see was abruptly rejused by the Russian hosts and the party was quickly moved on But with Gallic cumung, one of the Frenchmen slipped away and peered over the workers' shoulders to sec of dominoes. The workload at the Concordski factories is, it seems, as light at present as it is at the Concorde factories in

## Greater Manchester looks to economic self help for development

chairman of the EEC's Eco-nomic and Social Committee, recently broke new ground by etting the 21-man-strong inner cabinet of the committee to meet in Mauchester. Almough it is perfectly normal for the committee to hold at least one meeting in the chairman's home country during his period of office, this has period of office, this has traditionally meant a visit to on the GMC support the capital of the country scheme, which it is planned will

Mr de Ferrand, whose company has six factories in the Greater Manchester area dis-missed the rival claims of London by bluntly declaring that "Manchester is the capital of the north".

Morale boosting though this may be for the city, much more persinent was Mr de Ferranti's assurances that Brussels will be receptive to any new represemations from Greater Manfor assistance from EEC funds:

The Greater Manchester area, which since local government re-organization takes in a large slice of south-east Lancashire and north-east Cheshire, in addition to the old Manchester and Salford city areas, has long regarded itself as something of a Cinderella in terms of the aid it has received under West-mineter and EEC regional

adopting new attitudes to the plight of inner city and urban areas and with the promise of a fairer share of the EEC cake, sings could be looking up at a time when Greater Man-chester itself has launched some fairly ambitious plans for economic self help.

powerful policy and resources committee has now given its through a Economic new Development Association, which its sponsors envisage us a between financial institutions, industry and local government. .

be launched with an initial cash injection of £5m, and work is expected to start within the next week or two in setting up the development association and a financial guarantee com-pany. It is hoped that these two bodies will stimulate per-haps a further £50m of investm.: : from financial institutions.

Among the aims of the association, will be to try to raise cash at preferential interest rates from the Govern-ment and EEC sources and development isrue bonds to raise local money for investment.

The scheme was outlined to detail in a report prepared for the GMC by Mr Tony Harrison, its chief executive, who believes that the organizations he has envisaged—working independently of local government, but with local authority backing—will provide a more mositive dynamic and he able olicies.

Now with the Government positive dynamic and be able to act with speed and commer-cial freedom."

Many of the association's loans and grants would go to smaller companies who now find it difficult to raise cash for expansion. Other activities will include the acquisition of sites for development for in-

Greater Manchester Council's dustry, the conversion and improvement of existing sites and buildings and pressure for the backing to channel funds into development of roads and the area's ailing industries other services where these are needed to encourage industrial

#### Industry in the regions

GMC plans to hand over to the new association its existing major stake in three key indus trial estates within its bound-

proposed . financial guarantee company is seen as a non-profit making body which can be directly involved with private industry or developers in some schemes. The associa-tion will also offer professional and business advice, especially to smaller and medium sized firms.

Councillor Arnold Fieldhouse, leader of the GMC, says: "The time has come when we have time has come when we have to employ more self help. Our idea is to set up an organization to deal with the problems of Greater Manchester which are not adequately covered by existing organizations.

"It will not be just another

talking shop but an executive body with decision making Greater Manchester believes that its scheme is unique and that at present no other local authority is working along the

R. W. Shakespeare

#### **Business appointments**

## National & Commercial Banking changes

Mr P. E. G. Balfour, Mr L. M. Harper Gow, Dr A. W. Pearce and Sir Peter Roberts are to join the board of National and Commercial Banking Group on January 16. Mr I. W. Macdonald and Sir pas Waterlow are retiring. Mr John Elton, chairman of Alcan Aluminium (UK) and Mr Charles Tidbury, chief executive of Whitbread, have been made non-executive directors of Smillers. Mr N. M. S. Rich, a general manager of Jardine, Matheson & Company becomes executive vice-president and chief operating offi-cer of Jardine Davies Inc. Mr D. K. Newtigging, chairman and senior managing director of Jar-dioa. Matheson & Company, Is to take over as chairman of Jardine Ties Inc on January 1, on the extrement of Mr M. H. Pickup. Tr E. G. Vorster continues as president and chief executive officer.

Dr Aled Davies, technical direc-tor of Chemviron, has been made head of the company's operations Mr P. J. Reed and Mr C. R... Ward are no become managing.

director and assistant managing director respectively of Austin Reed Group. Mr C. R. Ward joins the Soard.
Mr G. C. Thompson, Mr G. E. J. Gregan, Mr S. B. Thislethwayte and Mr P. R. Walker jolo the board of Fitzny Investment. Mr D. D. Morgan, Mr D. J. Bradford, Mr S. H. Colman and Mr G. G. Colman have resigned.

Colman have resigned.

Mr Clifford Edwards has joined

Mr Clifford Edwards has joined Scott Bader as a non-executive director.

Mr H. A. Barratt, previously managing director of Pennwalt has been made chairman of Pennwalt Holdings, succeeding Mr E. A. Whitlock, who retired. Mr Barratt has also been made executive chairman of Pennwalt and of Wallace and Tierman, Mr A. F. Brudrick becomes managing director of Pennwalt and Mr K, St Paul, sales director.

tor of Pennwalt and Mr K, St Paul, sales director.
Mr E. K. Martell has rejoined the board of Bank and Commercial Holdings.
Mr R. W. Oliver, Mr P. Nicholson Smith and Mr. J. Lippman have gone on to the board of Ennia Pinance (UK).

Michael Featherstone have joined the board of William Lawrence. Mr A. M. Matleod-Smith has been elected president of the Mining Association of the United

Mr Malcolm Argent has been made secretary of the Post Office. He succeeds Miss J. M. Emery. Mr M. R. Palmer is to join the Mr M. R. Palmer is to join the board of Lombard North Central of January 1. Mr Norman Ellis, director/

general manage of Pye Electro-Devices, Is now managing direc-tor of Pye Unicam. Mr Bernard Sargent, managing director of Egen Electric is to be managing

Mr. Christopher East has gone on to the board of Hartley Cooper Holdings. Mr John Jewiss becomes a director of Hartley Cooper & Co. Mr B. Landau has been made a director of Union Corporation. Mr P. R. B. Lewis and Mr A. D. Croad are leaving the board.

Mr Brian Furnell has become managing director of A. T. Harrison (Mouldines).

#### FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Mr. Kenneth Kemp, chairman

(Metals), May & Hassell. J. Waddington, Ward and Goldstone. Finals—Baggeridge Tst, Carr's Milling Inds, Deanson (Hilgs), Management Agency & Music, Martin the Newsagent, Oliver Rix, and C. A. Sperati.

house Hidgs. WEDNESDAY.—Interims

## Drinks trade should steal the limelight

After a week in which the market was influenced by the results of a number of large companies, share prices are more likely to reflect economic and industrial indicators this

supply figures and the level of retail sales and the retail price ndex could move the FT Index building society chiefs, and 1 possible change in the mortgage last month's increase in MLR. On the results front, drinks take much of the limelight. First to report will be Arthur brokers Greenwell & Co are amicipating annual profits almost unchanged at £40m with the difficulties of obtaining a price rise in Ireland and Niseria for the famous stout putting a brake on growth. How ever as the group's diversifica-tion begins to pay off and the fall in volume steadies, the should rise to around

profit: should rise to ar £50m the following year. Hit by a poorer summer, cider group, H. P. Bulmer, re-porting balt-time results the same day, could see profics slip from a previous £2.9m to £2.3m but a better second half should push the annual total past last, year's £3.9m to £4.1m.

#### This week

sector, Vaux are expected to show an increase on Thursday. A change in accounting period could see them with a pre-tax profit of £8.2m for the 17 mooths to September, against a previous aroust total of £4.4m, say Greenwell. The 1977-78 esuit is forecast at £6.5m. On the whisky front Distillers, already in the spotlishs over its two-tier pricing policy, is re-porting interims on Thursday. Greenwell, not as optimistic as the trode, are forecasting an im-provement from £53m to £72m. for the six months with a rise

Negnew 140 weeks ngs 1 sha Steenhouse Hidgs.
WEDNESDAX.—Interims — Assoc Dalries, Realthwaite & Co Eng. H. P. Bulmer Hidgs, Clarke Nickolis & Coombs, Condmental & Indust Tst. Deritend Stamping, Dundomian, Durapipe Ind. C. H. Goldrei, Fouchard & Son, Gudurie Corp, Hampton Gold Mining Areas, Inch Kengeth Kajang Rubber, Jacksons Bourne End. Laurence Scott, Montague L. Meyer, M & G. Second Dual Tst. Phoenix Timber, Sutcliffe Speakman, and Utd Gas Inds. Finals—Compair, East Dagaziontein Mines, A. Guinness, J. & H. B. Jackson, Arthur Lee, South African Land & Expl. Trafalgar House, Utd Spring & Steel Grp, Vaal Reefs, Expl & Mining, and Western Deep Levels. THURSDAY.—Interims — Aeronautical & Gen Instruments, Beechwood Const, Distillers, Reywood Williams Grp, Tox, Abusives, Trustees Corpu, Unigate, Vahx Brew. Weston-Evans Grp, Young, Austen & Young, and Wilkinsch March. Finals—Assoc Eng. Burto Dean, Charterhouse Grp, Dobboo Park Inds, Greenall Whitley & Co, Hawkins & Tipson, Marley, Redman Heenan Ind. Southwas Helnan Greene King & Son, S & U Stores, and Suter Electric. Finals—Brunner Invest Tst, Chemring, Hardys & Hanson, Homfray & Co, Hundet (Hidgs). to £155m at the year-end, compared to a previous £128m. Elastoplast and Nives group Smith & Nephew is likely to turn in pre-tax profits of around month figures tomorrow, accord-This compares with just over 59m for the same period last time and should rise to 517m for the year. Exchange losses, which totalled £200,000 in the first half, could double to £400,000 and are likely to sudge £4m for the full year. TODAY.—Interims — Assoc Erit Eng. Caffyns, G. M. Firth

Alison Mitchell

### likely to be dull for some weeks The decline in demand for

large tankers in the Gulf coninued last week and with the Opec meeting now just eight days away it is unlikely that a recovery will materialize for

Only one vice with a full argo was fixed in the Gulf last week, this boing the 255,000-tonner Olympic Brilliance taken by Petromar at worldscale 29 for a Gulf/United Kingdom

#### Freight report

Additionally, Shell Houston booked the World Dynasty to ship a 240,000-ton part cargo from the Gulf to Curacao at worldscale 29.75. A 60-day option was also in-

Lower down the size scale, a number of fixtures were arranged for vessels in the 120-150,000-ton range to various Martin the Newsagent, Oliver Rix, and C. A. Sperad.

TOMORROW—Interims — Archimedes Inv. Tsr. (2nd int.), Cawods Hidgs, Credion Hidgs, Crown House, Imperial Continental Gas Assoc, Milbury Grp, Moorgave Inv. Property Hidgs & Inv Tst. St. Piran, South Crofty, Stanhope General Inv Co. United British Secs Tst, Wace Grp. Warnford Inv. and Wilson Bros. Finale—ICL, K. Shoes, Laganvale Estates, North. Brit. Steel Grp. Sarck, Smith & Nephew (40 weeks figs) and Stanhouse Hidgs. destinations at races varying from worldscale 31 to worldcale 38.5. Demand for tankers between 50-100,000 tons imby better rates on these ships being paid.

Prospects for the next few weeks look very gloomy and optimism among tanker brokers is in even shorter supply than usual. After any recent oil price rise there has been a slack time on the market during which the oil purchase in the pre-price rise period is used. No one is bold enough to suggest that the price of oil will not be increased and in very incident account to the price of oil will not be increased and in very incident account to the price of the price o similar circumstances last year it was about six weeks before business returned to its current normal level.

The growing list of tankers being employed for storage purposes in the Caribbean was added to last week with the fixing by Arco of the 345,000 ton ulve Wind Enterprise. The present the statem for a 5/12vessel was taken for a 6/12-\$3,000 per day.

Somewhat discouragingly was the softening of rates in the Carlbbean from vessels above 30,000 tons despite the level of inquiry staying about the same as the previous week. The oppo-site occurred in the Mediterranean where some rate improve ment was seen. The strength of the West African area was also maintained and rates there too

## Tanker trade Switching from abroad to home makes sense

GEC looks for the major deal in the United States; British food manufacturing companies are scouring the same continent for acquisitions and the word seems to have spread that a strong overseas presence is now the desired management objective. It makes a change then, and a pleasant one for the John Bulls among the investment fraternity, to discover that Booker McConnell gets

weighty support from Rowe & Pitman, Hurst-Brown because it has drawn in its horns overseas and established a sizable trading set-up in this country. The quality of any manage-

ment must be an abstract : out-side the confines of the balancesheet and the profit and loss account is almost impossible to define let alone measure but Rowe & Pitman believes that Booker has "shown ample ev lence of the flexibility and strength of its managemen when surmounting the difficulties presented by the nationalization of its large Guyanese assets in 1976.

#### Brokers' views

As a result, say Mr K. M. McVie and Mr N. McShane, the group is now a " major force in the United Kingdom food distribution industry and is expan-ding its activities in that area and its engineering interests by acquisition and organic growth". The analysts predict a pre-tax profit jump of no less than £8m to £22.9m for 1977, where the p/e would be 7.1, and £27m next year.

The drive will come from almost every division spear-headed by the United Kingdom food distribution side where this year's trading profits are expected to climb from £2.94m to £9m. An important ingredient of this improvement is likely to stem from Kinloch's development of Wavy Line which will dovetall nicely with the existing Mace voluntary trading activi-

Also going against the mar-

ket trend are Messrs Terry Hitchcock and Mike Whitaker, engineering analysts for Simon & Coates. Many of the engineerof their three-year price rela-tive ranges which, they suggest, implies that "investors have decided that the sector's prospects for the next year or so

Simon & Coates will not buy that view and, despite the immediate problems of falling demand and a lack of retail David Robinson sales momentum, the two

next year and hope that the larest figures which reveal a third-quarter pick-up in 1977 do not represent a false dawn.

Two relatively attractive stocks picked in the firm's December review of the sector are Babcock & Wilcox and Wair Group: Babcock's power generation business—13 per cent of the total—will be less of a drag when the tie-up with Clarke Chapman takes place, ACCO is widening margins and stands to perform well on any volume improvement, general engineer ing activities are even experi-encing a slight upturn in demand while the mining machinery division stands to add to the long-term growth

Babcock is tipped make £36m against £34.4m pre-tax zhis year while profits at Weir are. expected to be stepped up from £7.5m to £9m. Weir suffered exceptional

lossess in 1976 so, even with-out organic growth this time, investors can look for a worth while improvement. The price the broker considers; has been depressed by the Samuel Osborn bid and has yet to recover following the terminarion of the offer.

Foundries are benefit from higher exports benefit from fugner exports
next year after a static contribution in 1977, desalination
plant may chip in £2m pre-mx
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orders are now falling below
bugeted levels. Simon & Coates finds it "of interest that ne division is suffering from the

Last week, we reported sug gestions that the regional breweries may find life a little easier under the price code than their larger brothron, And Campbell Neill furthers the by suggesting that the local breweries usually managed better barrelage performance than national chains.

But the firm's brewery analyst. Mr J. Cimino high-lights the case for selectivity in this area. Higsons Brewery rates no more than a hold because of the high rate of unemployment in its side catchment area while the lack of lager capacity— supplied by Bass Charrington will prove a long term dis-advantage.

Lack of lager production, and the possibility that its ale sales may lose market share. also lie behind Mr Cimino's sell recommendation at Border Breweries (Wrexham).

Ray Maughan

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## at happy Norcros: even Hygena better

Once, the consumer and allied Once, the consumer and allied products division of Norcros was important enough to stop the whole group from growing. But no more; this year it looks as if this blue chip among industrial holding companies (an accolate strated with Thomas Tilling) will demonstrate that it can take kitchen furniture in its stride at a time when the is stride at a time when the Hygena division is starting to come right. In the year to March 31

In the year to March 31 group pre-tax profits rose by inst £1,000 to £12.085m. In that year everything went ahead save lossmaking Hygena.

In the six months to September 30 sales including those of an associate climbed by 24.2 per cent to £97.19m. United Kingdom sales were only 14 per cent to £97.19m. United Kingdom sales were only 14 per cent better at £62.3m. But exports leapt 133 per cent to £13.68m and sales of companies overseas went ahead by 27.4 per cent to £13.14m.

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So everything against went ahead save lossmaking Hygena (etc) which indeed chipped in operating losses of £1.74m against £1.42m. Up jumped the operating profits of construction from £889,000 to £1.63m; and printing and packaging moved from £1.1m to £1.95m.

Overseas clambed from £1.19m. Overseas clambed from £1.19m to £1.88m. Engineering slipped a bit, and the consumer division did even worse. So total pre-tax, profits advanced 22,5 per cent m £5.5m.

Mr John Sheffield, chairman, Mr John Sheffield, chairman, reports a hill in heavy engineering which should be temporary. Exports and earnings overseas continue to go ahead well. He adds: "The Hygena results for the second half year should show an improving mend," Despite heavy capital spending Norcros still hes plenty of cash. However, the interim dividend is a mere 0.1p up at 1.6p even though earnings cover it 3.47 times.

nterim Report for the 26 weeks ended 28th September, 197					
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Passenger and Commercial Vehicle specialists.

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Maughan	Earnings per share	9.4p	5.3p	13.2p

Trading Experience We have regularly beaten Trading Profits in previous years but never before have we shown a half year Profit before Taxation greater than the profit of the previous year. This improvement results from a general period of sluggish Truck Sales and restricted Motor Car Supplies reflects great credit upon the Company and its staff. The extraordinary items represent the surplus on the sale of the assets of

the coachbuilding business carried on at Bedwas, South Wales, and the sale of the leasehold premises at Penarth Road, Cardiff. While demand for commercial vahicles is not seasonal, sales of cars.

coaches and car hire benefit the first balf of the year more than the second. The Group's order book remains strong although trading

In the light of the interim results we intend to increase the Dividend for the current year. We also feel it desirable to reduce the disparity between the Interim and Final Dividend, We therefore announce that an Interim Dividend of 2.5p per share (last year 1.4p) will be paid on 1st February. results for the full year are known.

9th December, 1977

Arkington Motor Holdings Ltd., Ponders End, Enfield, Middlesex.

## No lack of optimism Need to give the Third World a White Child More questions over chance to earn its living

A chap called Fitzgerald who used to do the commentaries for cinema travelogues years before television would sign off with something like, "And now we leave the wonderful land of Jay-pan behind us and turn our faces to the West".

Towning faces to the West has become a preoccupation of the developing countries, particularly the copper producers who where competition is in a market where prices are not so responsive, and demand, and buying nanufactures.

The defermant for their product who was sugging graces.

The defermant is that they need to sail sheir product to the industrialized nations to gain foreign exchange with which to buy manufactures from the developed nations and there is a gap which scenas; unbridge, able between income and expenditure.

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In its recent World Commodity, Outlook 1977-78 the Economist Intelligence Unit says that the whole emphasis of the North South dialogue, "seeking the will o' the wisp of just and remunerative' prices for commodities" seems more than ever to be misplaited. Although there may be temporary shortages of the majorary shortages of the majorary shortages of the majorary shows depend for metals growing rather more showly than in the past, says the EIU.

"The only way that the industrialized countries can pay

"The only way that the industrialized countries can pay administered prices for their metals that are just and remunerative (i.e., higher than the market would dictate) is by participating in a system of production controls which in practice would be intolerable where it was not ineffective."

But, says the report, the industrialized countries cannot simply demonstrate the impracticality of using commodity prices as a means of development aid, and leave the matter

resources to the Third World for compelling geopolitical reas-ons, if those of human solidarity are considered insufficient. One

**Production** 

slashed

The report says that to escape The report says that to escape the consequences of trading in a free market raw materials producers must either find someone to finance holding the surplus stocks which artificially high prices will engender, an

#### Commodities

by the copper producers.

Mr Robert G. Green, a particular in the long run (the ner in the New York trading EEC's agricultural policy being affifate of London brokers an analogous if perhaps extreme case) or they must restrain production, which involves keeping out newcomers.

But is not keeping out newcomers precisely live means by world price. The Chileans also which the benefits of improved argue that increased demand industrial productivity are regard higher prices can be ex-

which the benefits of improved argue that increased demand industrial productivity are read higher prices can be exserved to the producers rather pected and therefore output than the consumers in developed should not be curtailed.

trade in manufactured goods they will reduce production of that token preferences for the manufactured goods of developting countries exists.

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oped countries; the protectionist time.

pressure is there soon enough,
and we have not seen the half

## fights on to make its point

في هكذا من الاطل

International Combustion (Holdings) has just shown that one can (occasionally) squeeze a mite more from a predator in a bid battle even when it has won. And Shipping Industrial Holdings managed the feat in 1973. So on soldiers White Child & Beney wherein Arthur Guinness has two thirds, after a successful bid last Spring.

Mr Richard Beney, chairman then argued that White Child competes with Guinness directly in several lines that the minor-ity should hold out for more than Guinness's 65p a share: earn its living."

So far as the copper producers are concerned, there is a good deal of speculation about the likely effectiveness of the decision by Zambia, Zaire and Peru in cur back on production. This came after a meeting of the Council of Copper Exporting Countries (CIPEC) at which Chile blocked, a Zambian proposal for all-round production cuts.

Inst as Bulvia has always As if to support him White Child reports pre-tax profits of f1.52m against f1m, and the f1.4m forecast last March, for the year to October 2. The dividend is 50 per cent up at 4.4p net (6.7p gross) as indicated at the time of the bid. But the Just as Bultvia has always been a "rebel" in the Inter-national Tin Council, Chile has

#### Trust merger blocked by Inland Revenue . .

always blocked concerted action by the copper producers.

Mr Robert G. Green, a partner in the New York trading affiliate of London brokers.

Rudolf Wolff, has pointed out that Chile has said that it can produce corporate for 50 cm. Carliol Investment Trust and duly wed. Proposals to smalenindicates that in certain circum-stances the transfer of assets under the scheme might be treated as a distribution for the purposes of ACT. The tax liability could be substantial. The trusts do not necessarily go along with this, but the not said when, or by how much, they will reduce production of amalgamation stays in suspense until the boards are sure that no liability arises.

#### Costs hit Deere

Deere and Co of Illinois, manufacturers of mobile power machinery says that its 1977 earnings were affected by foreign currency fluctuations. Wallace Jackson fourth quarter production delays, start-up costs on its new abour and material costs.

booth and material costs.

Deere said that foreign exchange losses for the year were \$13.6m (about £7.5m).

None were reported for fiscal 1976. It said that foreign exchange losses for the 1977 quarter were \$5.75m command.

## JCI's Namibia position

being the latest casualty of while De Beers has made its depressed hase metal prices. usual comment—that it never Rumours abound of its comments on rumours.

There are several rumours to the effect that ICI is going to disengage, itself, either by closing the mine or selling it. Selling the property and thus passing the buck to someone else hardly seems a likely propect since it has hardly a sale-able property.

However, one of the more intriguing variations of the rumour is that JCI is negotiating to hand the mine outo De Beers. Admittedly, De Beers picking up the mine seems more of an unikely prospect than JCI being able to find a buver in the first place. · However, the cynics suggest that this would be a wonderful

#### Mining

opportunity for De Beers to spread around a lot of goodwill and show, once again, that it is working in the interests of the

of De Beers showing financial goodwill. While Orjihase might be something of a burden for JCI, it would hardly be a drain on De Beers, which is likely to have well in excess of R600m in cash in its balance sheet for this cash in its obtained sheet for this year, although of course it will need to keep a good part of that in reserve to augment the diamond stockpile when there diamond stockpile when there is a downturn in diamond sales. Keeping Otjihase alive and thus keeping employment open would also be a neat bargaining point should there ever be a problem posed over Consolidated Diamond Mines, either as to ownership or the rate of taxation—it should be remembered that CDM has been estimated as producing 25 per cent mated as producing 25 per cent of De Beers profits, since that is where the high volume of

good gem stones comes from. It would also be useful for Rossing which receives its pyrite from Otifhase.
While the rumour has a deal

Otjihase, Johannesburg Consolidated Investment's copper ally denied that it is negotiating in Namibia, looks like ing to sell Otjihase to De Beers.

Nevertheless the problems at County many of them are comlog out of Namibia itself—
often it is the localized rumours that prove to be the most accurate.

Nevertheless the problems at Citihase are real enauth, so real that ICI has made no attempt to hide them, as was made clear in the latest annual report, and the annual statement by Sir Albert Robinson, tile chairman,

In October, Sir Albert com-mented that the corner price had fallen to levels substantially below those needed to keep the mine in production and to amortise long-term external

If Orithase goes under, it will not be the first copper mine to do so, but rather it will be yet another strucment of the cryall-ing situation hase metal miners currently find themselves in. If copper mines have ambied most of the headlines—mainly because of their universal neture and commodity exchange dealings—nickel has been just as hard hit. Falcophridue last week announced further curbechs, and it is being assumed that there will yet be another round of curbacks.

round of cutbacks
One company that has been accused of exacerbating the nickel problem is Amax, although it has firmly denied that it has indulged in vicious price cutting. Amax has had the price cutting. Amax has had the advantage in these times of being the dominant molybdenum, supplier and its position has been enhanced by mines cutting back production as the base metal price squeeze continues with the result that other producers have been putting less molybdenum on the market.

Molybdenum has held up remarkably well in the reces-

remarkably well in the recession because of its particular properties, which make it virtually indispensable in the manufacture of oil pipelines in extreme remorature areas such extreme temperature areas such os Aleska and Siberia. However, even Amax admits that its growth rate has slatkened from the compound 7 per cent a year it has hitherto achieved.

Although it seems unlikely at the moment, there are those who are worried that Amax's dominance of the industry may prove as transient as that of Inco in the nickel market, which would be one of the greater ironies of the mining world.

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**Desmond Quigley** 

## Issues remain unsettled due to the turmoil in currency

Conversations with Euro-bond underwriters and dealers at Hamersley indicate that investors are not very confident about making long-term commitments in any Mounting stockpiles and the recession in the international steel industry have led Hamersley Iron to amounce production cutbacks next year at its iron ore operations in Western Australia.

Hamersley in which the UK mining house Rio Tinto-Zinc has an effective 39 per cent stake, said that sales were expected to fall next year from this year's level. In the first nine months of this year the amount of ore shipped dropped to 25.3m tonnes from 26.1m tonnes in the same period in currency-at the moment and so they are reinvesting the pro-ceeds from their portfolios in

short-term instruments, writes
AP-Dow Jones.
The three Eurosterling bond issues offered last week fell to discounts from issue price in the aftermarket of between three and four points before three and four points before the four recovering s proportion of the issues was left with the underwriters because demand was so feeble. tonnes in the same period 1976 despite the amount Demand was very weak for two floating-rate Eurodollar note issues offered last week, indicating that investors are still shunning the dollar.

saleable ore produced rising to 27.4m from 24.7m tonnes. The Hamersley statement said that stockoiles had increased substantially this year Yields in Deutsche mark-denominated-bonds are still near record low levels. And with the and it would not be possible o continue with excess stock-Deutsche mark having appre-

piling next year.

However, work is to continue
on an expansion project." ciated by about 6.1 per cent against the dollar over the past three months, many investors have begun to avoid making further commitments in the DM

BAIN DAWES
This international insurance broker has bought old established family firm of insurance brokers in Leicester, J. H. Shaw &-Co and associate. Cash price, less than one quarter per cent of net assets of Dawes' parent, Inchcape Group. sector.
Indeed, some analysts are suggesting that now is a good time to take profits on Deutsche mark bonds since prices could fall sharply if there is ever a

At a recent conference, Herr Fritz van der Wolk, investment manager of Rorento Fixed In-come Securities Fund, pre-dicted that the Deutsche mark would probably weaken next year. He said that Germany's current sction surplus for trade in goods and services with other countries would probably turn into a deficit next year. He countried that Germany's

## **Euromarkets**

Zambia, Zaire and Peru have

generally weak economic en-vironment in other countries.

"Sometime in 1978, the Deutsche mark will get slightly weaker against the dollar", he

 International Finance NV at par bearing 10.25 per cent, a figure 10.25 per cent, a figure 12-year issue of Court taulds International Finance NV at 98 bearing 9.75 per cent to yield 10.04 per cent and a £15m, 15-year issue of the Euro-pean Investment Bank at .99.75 bearing 9.75 to yield 9.78 per

cent.
In the altermarket, the Pisons issue fell as low as 97 before recovering to 97.5 on Friday to yield 10.67 per cent at maturity. Similarly, the Courtaulds issue dropped to 94 before bouncing back to 95.5 to yield 10.42 per cent. The EIB issue declined to 96.25 before moving back up to 97 m yield 10.15 back up to 97 to yield 10.15

A dealer said the recovery in the issues resulted from a certain amount of short-covering but that there was also some genuine investment demand, at low prices. He said that in any case, it seems doubtful that the fledgling Eurosterling market would be threatened by supply pressures from new issues any-

In the dollar sector, a float-ing-rate note (FRN) offering of Caisse Nationale de Credit Agricole appeared to be very sticky. Priced at par, the \$50m. He contended that Germany's seven year notes bear semi-import bill would be boosted annual interest at the higher of by purchases of nuclear power enther 6.5 per cent or 6.25 points equipment while exports would above six month interbank probably taper off due to "a Eurodollar offered rates.

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ETSON & ROBERNS

Profit in second half year to
September 30 doubled so pre-tax
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WARREN TEA/SUPARA Unconditional Warren offer for Supera Investments remains open until further notice. Warren, with 92.3 per cent of Supara plans to buy rest compulsorily.

ROMAI TRA HOLDINGS

George Williamson & Co first
bought 4,500 shares in Romai
bringing holding to 120,795 shares
of 51 per cent of Romai's cap:
But Panel says GW not required
to make bid because GW is successor to a partnership and 60
per cent of it owned by Romai
chairman.

## **Ibstock streamlines** precast concrete

Slump in concrete cladding has led Ibstock Johnsen, the bricks and fibres group, to streamline its precast concrete operation with Empire Stone, a privately owned concern. Ibstock will run down its concrete cladding side and transfer its interests in brick panels for architectural cladding to Empire Stone.

There will be no cash directly involved but Ibstock says, that it has chosen this course to reduce redundancies and keep

Ibstock Pre-Cast made only a small contribution to Ibstock Johnsens' pre-tax profits in 1975 and 1976. Since then It has

been losing money.

However its losses will have little impact on the pre-tax

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profits that Ibstock should make

In fact the losses should not be more than £200,000 for the whole year. In September, the the group to show a useful in-crease in profits in the second half year. In the first half year pre-tax profits were £1.9m, or £153,742 more than a year earlier, and only £80,000 less than in the second half of the year before.

CARDING GROUP Property, division should show profit for year and investment income will rise. Motor division atili advancing with Jaguar orders representing turnover of around

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# .N. C. N. Housden, Chairman

## To the Ordinary Shareholders of THE BRITISH INVESTMENT TRUST

The offer from NCBPF is neither generous nor attractive and is a blatant attempt to buy your Company far too cheaply

It ignores £17 million of your assets in BIT.

\* NCBPF's much advertised minimum price of 165p per share has never been more than  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  above the estimated formula value of the Offer and on some days it has been below.

On 8th December the estimated formula value of the offer was

\* On 8th December the estimated going concern value of BIT was 191.9p

Your Directors will not be accepting the Offer for their own beneficial shareholdings.

YOU TOO SHOULD REJECT THE OFFER

DO NOT BE PRESSURISED INTO ACCEPTING IT!

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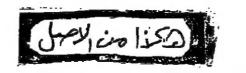
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11.30 The Long Search: Loose 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 George and Mild 8.30 This England.

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10.00 News.

11.35-11.40 Jill Belcon reads 10.30 Film: Irms La with Jack La Shirley MacLaine by Elizabeth Jermsogs.

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3.30 am, Mr Ed. 9.50, Sesame
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11.15, Men of the Sea.
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ATV

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9.35 am, Sean the Leprechaun.
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